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Stand up and cheer

Cheer loud and long for old Ohio

For today we raise the green and white above the rest

Our boys are fighting

And they are bound to win the fray

We got the team (rah-rah)

We got the steam (rah-rah)

For this is old Ohio's day.



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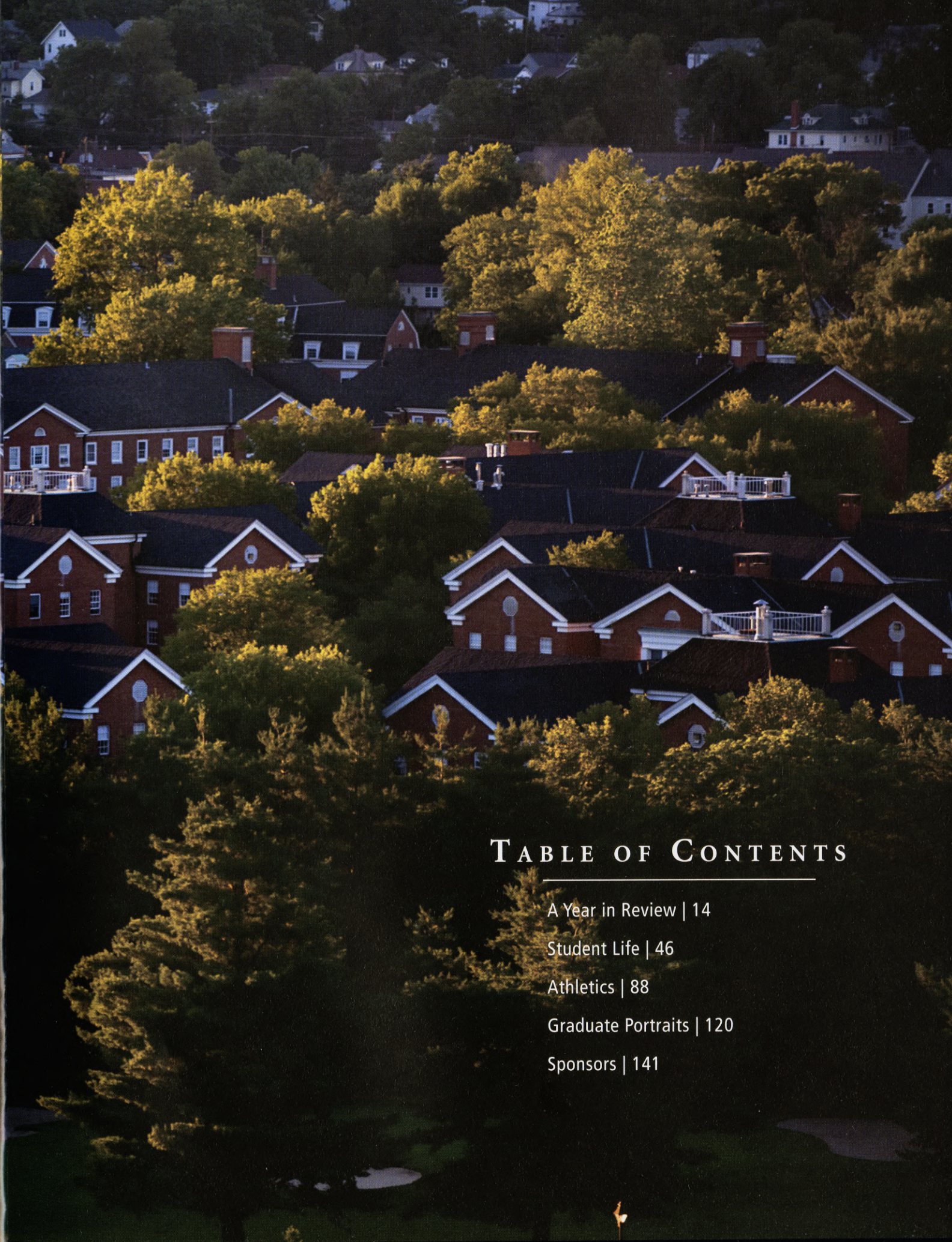


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Presidential Welcome



Welcome to the 2011-12 edition of your yearbook: *The Athena.* It is my great honor as an alumnus of Ohio University to offer my best wishes to you on behalf of our faculty, staff, and alumni!

This academic year was one defined by celebration and Bobcat pride. We watched again and again on YouTube the Marching 110's viral sensation of their rendition of LMFAO's "Party Rock Anthem." We cheered the OHIO football team on to their first bowl win in school history. We danced with our men's basketball team as it made its run to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA tournament. We celebrated the 75th anniversary of the College of Fine Arts, the 40th anniversary of the Honors Tutorial College and the 125th anniversary of the Gladys W. and David H. Patton College of Education.

All of these accomplishments and successes were made possible because of you – the promise of Ohio University. As you begin the next chapter of your life, I hope you will remember and treasure your time at Ohio University. Know that the foundation you built at Ohio University will sustain you throughout your personal and professional lives. Hold fast to your dreams and enjoy this new chapter and the next adventure you are about to undertake.

We hope you enjoy revisiting this collection of special memories for many years to come and we wish you the very best in your future endeavors!

Cordially,

Roderick J. McDavis

Dr. Roderick J. McDavis
President

Letter From the Editor



It's strange to think that another year of our lives is gone. We will never be able to exactly replicate the days from fall 2011 to spring 2012 spent on Ohio University's campus. It seems that the real thing always passes by so fast that we cling to memories of it as long as we can.

This year has been a tremendous one for Ohio University. A football bowl game win, success in women's golf, and Sweet 16 trips for men's basketball and women's field hockey remind the nation that our school in the hills is a serious sports contender.

Any student who has spent more than a half hour at OU knows that sports are only a small fraction of what students achieve here. Students are involved in local publications, social justice movements and clubs and honor societies of all sorts. And they do it while still passing classes, even the ones starting at 8 a.m.

This year social justice seemed to be a big rallying point for students on campus. The death of Trayvon Martin, an African American teen in Florida shot by a nervous neighborhood watchman, and tuition hikes at OU were two events that sparked protests from students on College Green during the year.

Next year the quarter system I have experienced during my four years of school will be extinct. The change has been met with grumbling from worried students and tired faculty members but in time it surely will smooth out.

The state of your own *Athena Yearbook* will also be changing. I will be graduating and attempting to seek employment paying over $7.70 per hour. Megan Peiffer, who has been working diligently this year as the managing editor, will take over the editor-in-chief position next year. Thanks for sticking with it Megan.

I only made it through this year with my own partial sanity intact because of a rock solid design staff and photographers who find it impossible to quit. I'd like to say thanks to everyone who contributed, especially Alex Molnar, Michelle Doe, Joel Bissell, Zach Jones and, of course, Photo Editor Extraordinaire Elizabeth Linares.

Our advisor for the past three years Graham Stewart will also be moving on to the University of Arkansas. He will be missed and not enough can be said to thank him for being a driving force that kept the book from becoming extinct after more than 100 years of publishing. Jim Harris, assistant director of marketing and communication of the OU Alumni Association, will take the advisor position next year.

One thing that won't change, however, is our dependence on you the Ohio University student body. Please remember that this book and all of the hard work our contributors put in all year is for you. You can make it even better next year.

Tell us what you want to see covered on Facebook or Twitter. Submit photos. You can even write a story. Our job is to document your experience so that 20 years down the line when you open your *Athena* old memories will spark a nostalgic smile. You were there and we want to make sure you remember that.

Sincerely,

Austen Verrilli

Austen Verrilli
Editor-in-Chief

Yearbook Staff | 2011 - 2012

MISSION STATEMENT

The Athena Yearbook staff aims to bring diverse coverage of events from the Ohio University school year. We strive to represent each year by highlighting significant happenings on the grounds of Ohio University and in Athens. Our goal is to show the beauty of humanity through the eyes of an Ohio University student.



FROM LEFT: *Alex Molnar, Megan Peiffer, Austen Verrilli, Michelle Doe and Elizabeth Linares*

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You have passions, both for your professional field and your hobbies. Ohio University Alumni Societies bring Bobcats together who share those passions. Society activities include annual meetings, student recruitment events, continuing education opportunities, alumni award programs, football tailgates, reunions, networking and career connections for students.

Data as of December 31, 2011

How to find alumni

- Facebook
- Online Directory*
- Bobcat Mentor Network

* *Remember to update your information.*

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Where to find alumni

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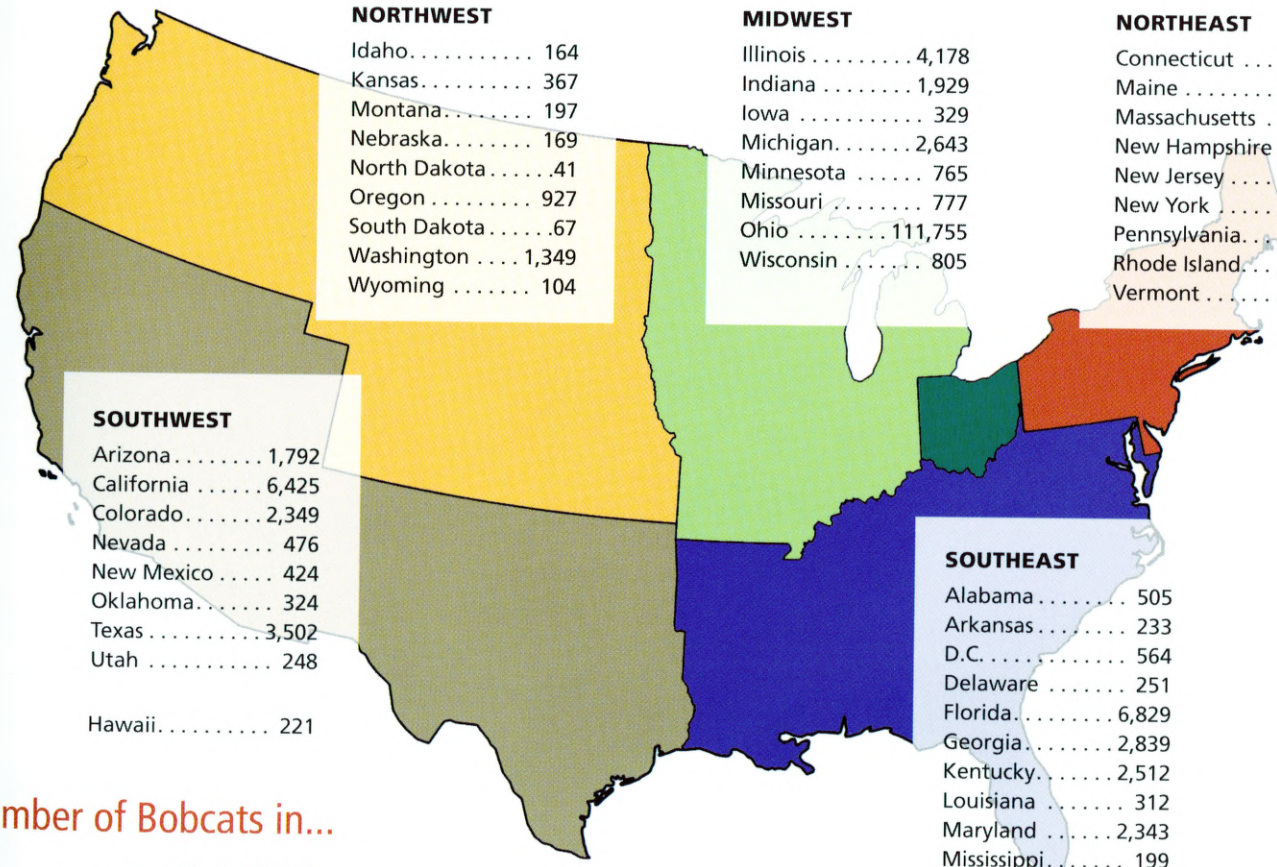
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Indiana 1,929
Iowa 329
Michigan. 2,643
Minnesota 765
Missouri 777
Ohio 111,755
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NORTHEAST

Connecticut 960
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Massachusetts . . 1,516
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SOUTHWEST

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California 6,425
Colorado. 2,349
Nevada 476
New Mexico 424
Oklahoma. 324
Texas 3,502
Utah 248

Hawaii. 221

SOUTHEAST

Alabama 505
Arkansas 233
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Maryland 2,343
Mississippi. 199
North Carolina . . 3,762
South Carolina . . 1,633
Tennessee 1,403
Virginia 3,863
West Virginia . . . 1,992

Number of Bobcats in...

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United States **186,851**

International **6,826**

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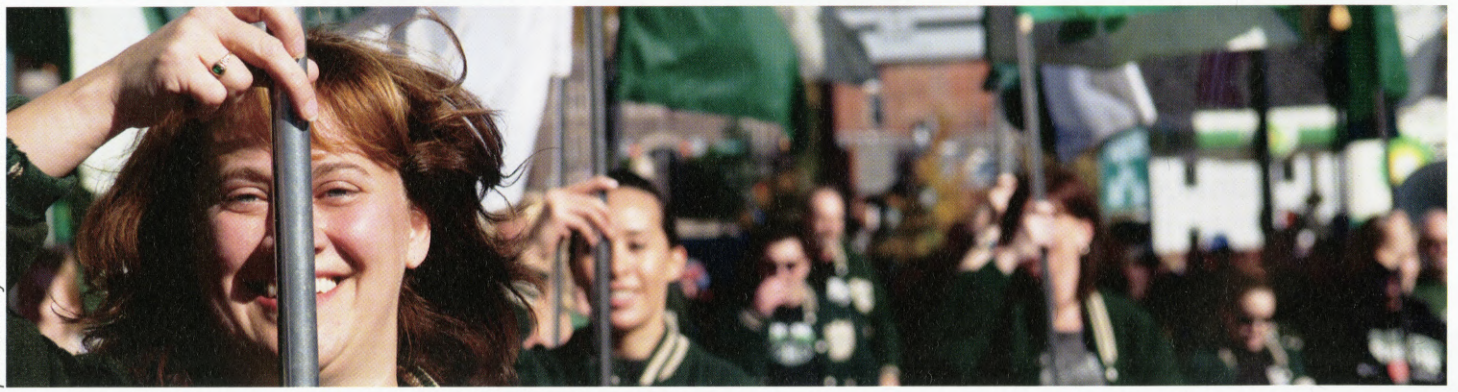
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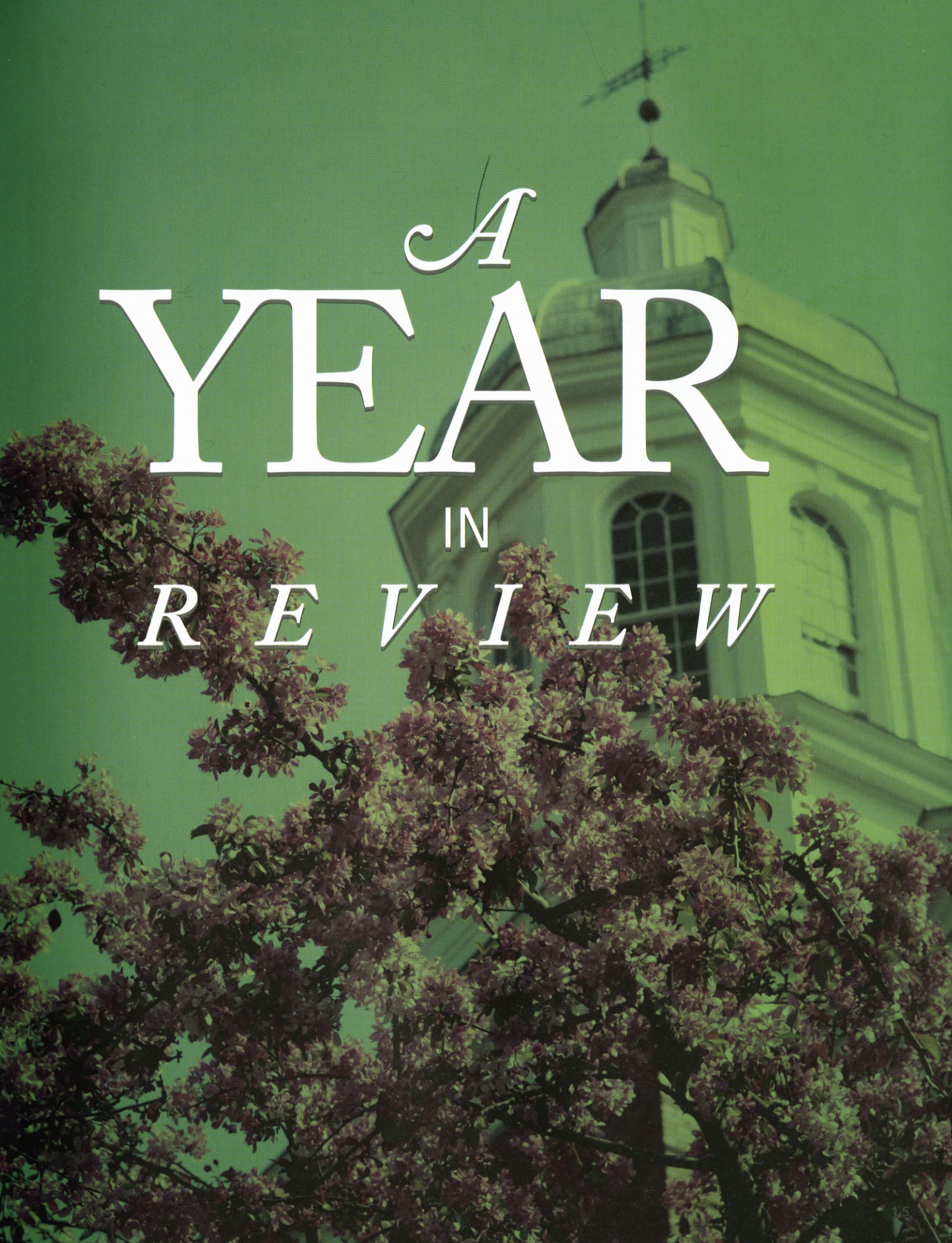








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A
YEAR
IN
REVIEW

HOMECOMING 2011

photos by **JOEL BISSELL**
story by **MEGAN PEIFFER**



OCT. 10-15, 2011

Every fall Ohio graduates return to Athens for an eventful weekend with the current students. The excitement could be seen throughout campus and the city as Bobcats of all ages prepared to celebrate "Beyond the Bricks."

The weekend was a continuous party starting with a performance from singer Mike Posner on Thursday night. Friday included the "Yell Like Hell" Pep Rally, followed by a street party for students and alumni on Court Street. At the pep rally, OU junior Harrison Hill and OU senior Faye Miller were crowned homecoming king and queen.

Though it was raining, it did not stop many from celebrating the weekend beginning on Friday, continuing all through the night and into the morning. Alumni and students filled the bars uptown before the sun rose and remained on Court Street for Saturday's events.

Saturday morning students and alumni lined the streets to see the parade with floats from many student organizations and places around the Athens community. Bobcats then attended the football game against Ball State that afternoon. The Alumni Band played alongside the Marching 110 for a halftime show bringing the crowd to their feet and uniting past and present students as Bobcats.









Homecoming parade participants constructed their floats with the theme "Beyond the Bricks" in mind. Above, the Marching 110 plays for the parade judging panel in front of Baker Center.





photos by **ELIZABETH LINARES**

The Marching 110 circles up outside President McDavis' house to serenade the university's first family during homecoming week.

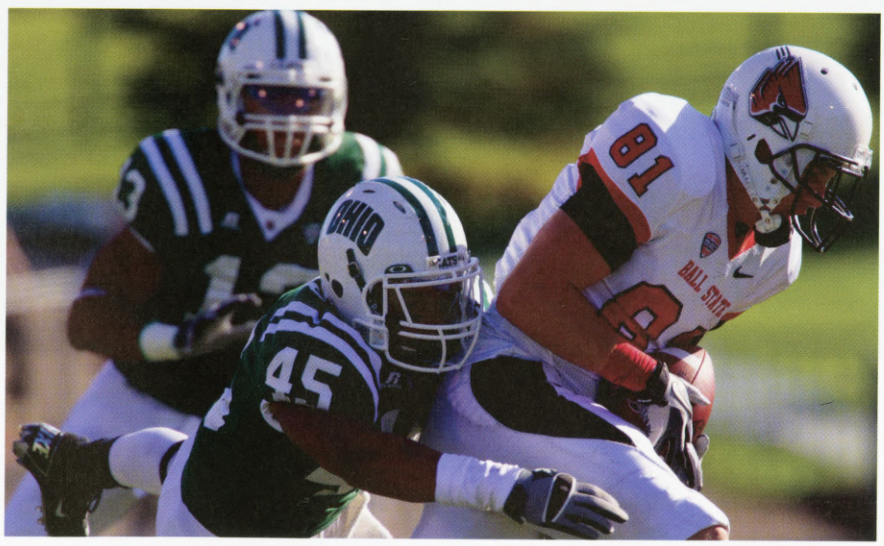


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The 2011-2012 homecoming court lines up at the Yell Like Hell! Pep Rally. The royal court crowned Queen Faye Miller and King Harrison Hill.







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Marching 110 celebrates homecoming, photo by **JOEL BISSELL**


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MIKE POSNER

photo / story by JOEL BISSELL

Mike Posner was very comfortable when he came to Athens for the second time on Oct. 13, 2012. Previously he came to Athens for a local music festival called 7 Fest. While in Athens Posner threw disks in College Green, worked out at Ping Center, and hung out with the college kids.

His performance was brought to OU by University Program Council (UPC).

According to UPC's website, "University Program Council is a volunteer board of students who work to bring world-class programs to the Ohio University Campus."

Posner's performance went over very well with students. He practically filled Ohio University's Templeton Blackburn Memorial Auditorium. Near the end of his performance Mike Posner showed off his Ohio spirit by wearing an OU basketball jersey.



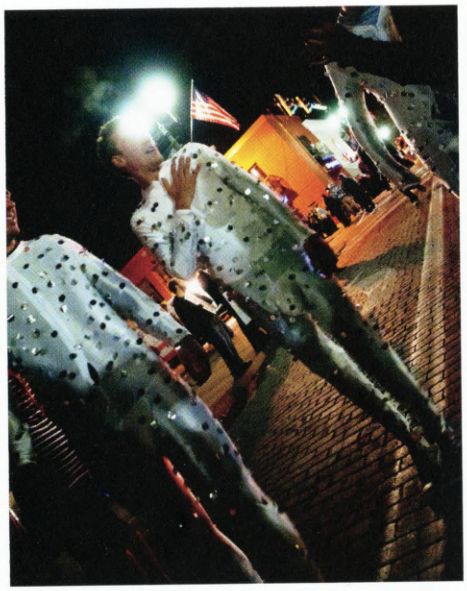
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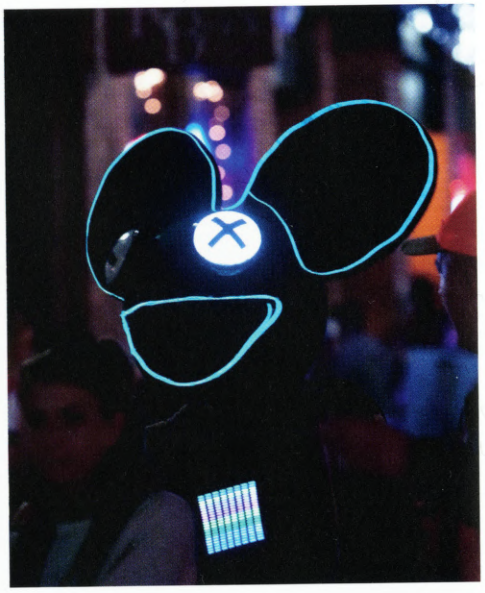
Of A Revolution or O.A.R. has played numerous times on Ohio University's campus and returned Nov. 1, 2012. The band traveled to Athens early in its touring days. "One of the very first places outside of Columbus that we played was Athens. It is always a main stop on our tours," band member Jerry DePizzo said in an *Athens NEWS* interview this October. After many years of absence they performed again for OU students. They rocked Templeton Blackburn Memorial Auditorium with a large turnout as people listened to all of their favorite O.A.R. classics and some new material.

ATHENS HALLOUWEEN

photos by **ELIZABETH LINARES**







OCT. 30, 2011

Costume ideas varied throughout the night to reflect popular trends in the modern day college student's life. From the creative but unidentifiable on far left to more familiar faces such as V for Vendetta and DJ deadmau5. It was truly another Happy HallOUween. Below, Ali Baba's serves up some refreshing late night snacks to an eclectically clothed crowd.











photo by **ELIZABETH LINARES**

'Party Rock Anthem' hit Court Street as the crowds were shuffling in thousands of costumes, including LMFAO's robot guy.



BIG WINS



photo by **JOEL BISSELL**

JAN. 21, 2012
The "Shaq of the MAC" Gary Trent joined OU's wall of fame as his number 20 jersey was retired in the Convocation Center.





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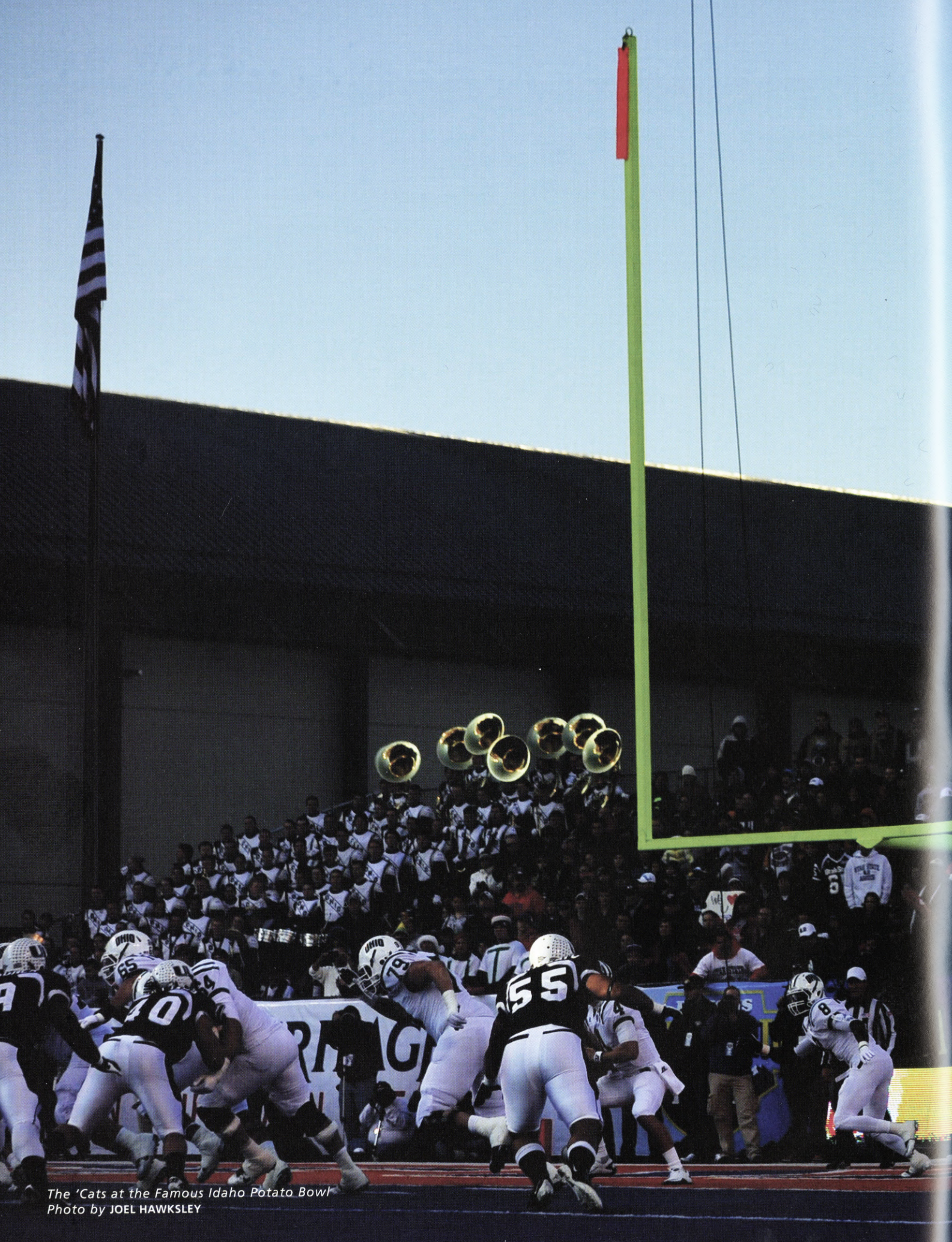
The ever-animated men's basketball coach John Groce, pictured left, led the Bobcats in an incredible season, with a MAC Championship win and successful run in to the Sweet 16 before falling to number one seed University of North Carolina in overtime. Despite the admirable season, Groce accepted the new head coach position at The University of Illinois. Filling his shoes will be Jim Christian from Texas Christian University, pictured right.



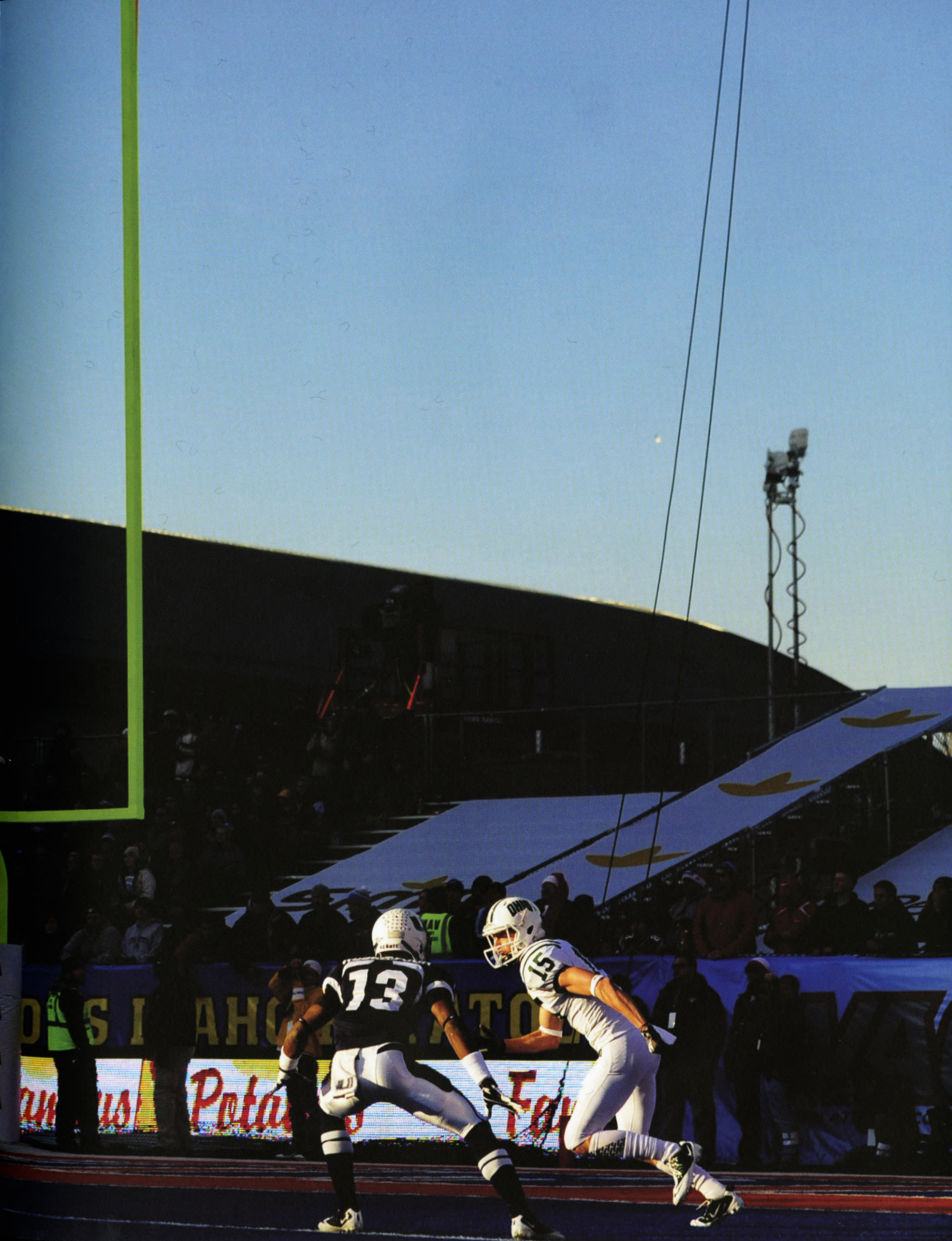


photos by **JOEL HAWKSLEY**

President McDavis congratulates the Bobcats after another win during their successful season. The 'Cats were on the big screen as they turned heads and gained respect winning the school's first bowl championship in a 24-23 win over Utah State at the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl in Boise Idaho.



The 'Cats at the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
Photo by **JOEL HAWKSLEY**




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Winning the MAC Championship, photo by **JOEL HAWKSLEY**

RESPECT FOR THE FALLEN

Chardon High School shooting prompts alumni to reflect

story by **AUSTEN VERRILLI**
photos by **JOEL BISSELL**



A solemn crowd of students and faculty supported Chardon alumni as they commemorated their fallen peers. Under the school's mantra of "One Heartbeat", students banded together to ease their pain.



Ohio University students who are Alumni of Chardon High School gathered on College Green on February 29th for a candle light vigil following a shooting at Chardon High School where a lone student gunned down students.

Three victims died as a result of the shooting when 17-year-old Thomas Lane opened fire in the Chardon High School cafeteria. According to the *Cleveland Plain Dealer,* Lane was at the school waiting for a bus to take him to Lake Academy in Willoughby Ohio.

Lane has since been charged as an adult in Ohio with three counts of aggravated murder, two counts of attempted aggravated murder and one count of felonious assault according to CBS News. Lane has not given a reason or explanation for his actions.

SEMESTER SWITCH

Ten week terms expire to statewide system

story by **ZACH JONES**



"It's been an interesting last year of quarters. I hope the transition to semesters is as seamless as they make it out to be."

- KEVIN SANDERS, Senior Business Major

As the 2011-2012 school year comes to a close we must now completely come to grips with the dreaded quarters to semesters change. The reality has been in the distance for some time now, but as June rolls around it is directly ahead.

Ohio University is not going through this change alone. Wright State University, University of Cincinnati, Ohio State University and several community colleges will see changes this upcoming fall. The change will ensure that all Ohio public institutions will be operating on the same schedule, making transferring among them a less daunting task.

Coming along with the fluidity in course work among the schools, the transition will also bring about several other positives. "We (the quarters to semesters committee) decided that semesters provided a more in-depth learning, as well an equal chance in the job market," said Linda Lockhart, manager of communication for the transition. "The schools on semesters currently have a head start in looking for employment."

Despite increased employment opportunities for students on summer break the quarters to semesters switch will cause daunting changes for faculty and students alike. "We will have to completely reformat courses and programs as well as scheduled events throughout the school year, but we have really committed ourselves as university to overcome the obstacles of the transition," said Lockhart.

Those obstacles are not all bad said Jeff Giesey, director of quarters to semesters transition. "The switch gave every program a chance to evaluate itself and make changes to better suit students," Giesey said.

Ohio University's Quarters to Semesters Transition Team has been working to prepare students for the changeover all year. "We have done everything as a university to prepare for the changes and make them as student friendly as possible," said Giesey. "Students are required to meet with their advisors to come up with a plan for their graduation after the transition takes place."

Semesters will alter students' weekly schedules. "We will have three, fifty-five minute classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday as well as two, eighty minute classes on Tuesday and Thursday," said Giesey

The additional time spent in class will be an adjustment for professors as well. "There were some grumblings from faculty at first about the increased workload, but they overall have been supportive of the change and see some real opportunity from it," said Giesey.

The change is going to require some adjustments in other aspects of campus life besides academics. Residence Halls will stay open longer and Ohio University's Dining services will have to adjust meal schedules. "Getting the staff used to the new schedule may be a challenge this first year, but we are confident they (the staff) will be prepared," said Lockhart.

Another factor is the scheduling of campus wide events such as homecoming and parents' weekend. "We need to make sure that special events are taking place when students are actually here," said Lockhart. "It's really going to take some getting used to."



photo by **JOEL BISSELL**

APRIL 28, 2012

Riot police form a human barrier between students celebrating the annual Palmer Fest, one of several infamous spring street parties, after a house was lit on fire. While no one was harmed, the crime marks a pivotal moment in the tumultuous history of Palmer Fest where, in previous years, attendees lit couches on fire in the street. Despite city and university officials permitting other festivals to take place after Palmer, talk brews of curbing the now out-of-line behavior. "It's been a great year except for Palmer," said Dillon Ferguson, a junior majoring in biology. "I'm not excited about the street fests getting shut down."

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From fire trucks to elections to football bowl games to the NCAA Sweet 16 to Halloween to the fests (and a whole ton more!)

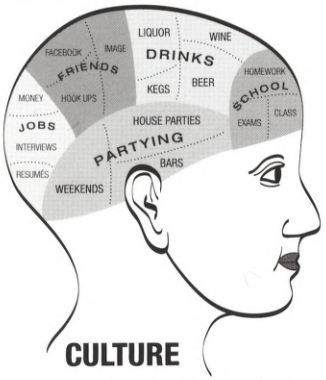
The 2011-12 academic year at Ohio University is certainly one to go down in the history books.

The year kicked off to a big start when civil rights icon Rev. Jesse Jackson came to speak. Just months later, the Bobcats won their first football bowl game in program history.

Local officials faced off in heated elections and in head coach John Groce's final season, the men's basketball team advanced to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament.

The Post has come along for every step of the wild ride that has been this school year. So, as we depart from Athens, lets take a look back at all of the things that made headlines at OU and in Athens during the 2011-12 school year.

—Wesley Lowery, Post *Editor-in-Chief*



CULTURE

PSYCHOLOGY OF A PARTY SCHOOL Administrators fear party-school rankings harms the university's reputation

CULTURE

ATE-FEST

Big Mama's Burritos, Bagel Street Deli and Goodfella's Pizza have all adopted food challenges that feature plus-sized meals to be inhaled in record times

SPORTS

PROBABLY NO TRACK FOR INDOOR PRACTICE

Further funding needed for multipurpose center

CAMPUS NEWS

9/11 TEN YEARS LATER

Wreath ceremony, flags on College Green, and other memorial services held on campus

CAMPUS NEWS

JESSE JACKSON VISITS OU

Suggests OU to become the headquarters university for the international civil rights organization he founded

SPORTS

FIELD HOCKEY DOMINATES MAC

OHIO clinches mid-American Conference and become regular-season champions

AUGUST 2011

SEPTEMBER 2011

OCTOBER 2011

CAMPUS NEWS

OU NAMED NO. 1 PARTY SCHOOL

Priceton Review moves Ohio University to top of the party school list

CAMPUS NEWS

STUDENT SENATE WON'T TAKE SB5 STANCE

Faculty, students, residents voice opposition to budget cuts, Ohio Senate Bill 5



CAMPUS NEWS

OCCUPY OU

Students, faculty and Athens residents "Occupy OhioU" in an effort to bring the larger-based New York City protests to Ohio University's campus

LOCAL NEWS

HALLOWEEN

Halloween festivities tamest in years



CULTURE

DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL

Repeal official, but only first step to full equality

LOCAL NEWS

ZANESVILLE MASSACRE

OU student gathered 60,000 signatures to halt exotic animal ownership in Ohio

SPORTS

MULTIPURPOSE CENTER NEARS FUNDRAISING GOAL

Bobcats on track to set foot in their new, $1,697,385 facility by fall 2013

SPORTS

FIELD HOCKEY NCAA PLAY-IN WIN

Bobcats defeat the Leopards to advance to the main draw of the NCAA field-hockey tournament for the first time since 2007



SPORTS

GARY TRENT TO BE HONORED IN CONVO

His jersey will now hang high in the rafters above the Convocation Center

NOVEMBER 2011

SPORTS

ESPN COMES TO PEDEN

OU alumnus directs broadcast, Bobcats win over Temple in Blackout game

CAMPUS NEWS

TRUSTEES DON'T WANT VOTING RIGHTS

Ohio University trustees argued that there is no need for student trustee voting rights



SPORTS

FIELD HOCKEY MAC TOURNAMENT

OHIO wins MAC championship against Kent State, 2-1, in overtime

DECEMBER 2011



SPORTS

FOOTBALL WINS POTATO BOWL

Ohio tops Utah State on final possession to claim Famous Idaho Potato Bowl

CAMPUS NEWS
KENT SMITH TO LEAVE
Popular OU Vice President named next president of Langston University

SPORTS
GARY TRENT DAY
The Ohio men's basketball team took down rival Miami in the Battle of the Bricks Saturday on what was dubbed "Gary Trent Day"



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OU faces $355 million in deferred building maintenance

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POSTSEASON PAYLOAD
Solich's earnings might top McDavis' dividends

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FIRETRUCK
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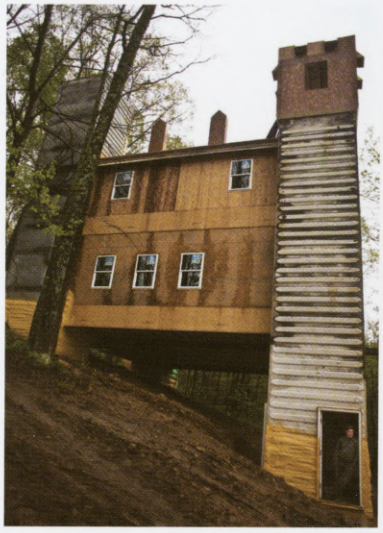
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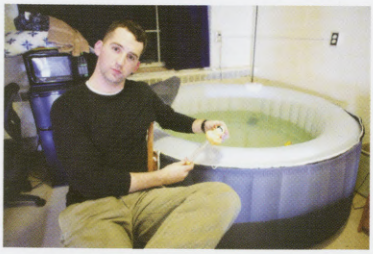


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Kevin Lenahan checked the rules before moving in his inflatable hot tub in the dorm, but Residential Housing said it violated too many and made him remove it



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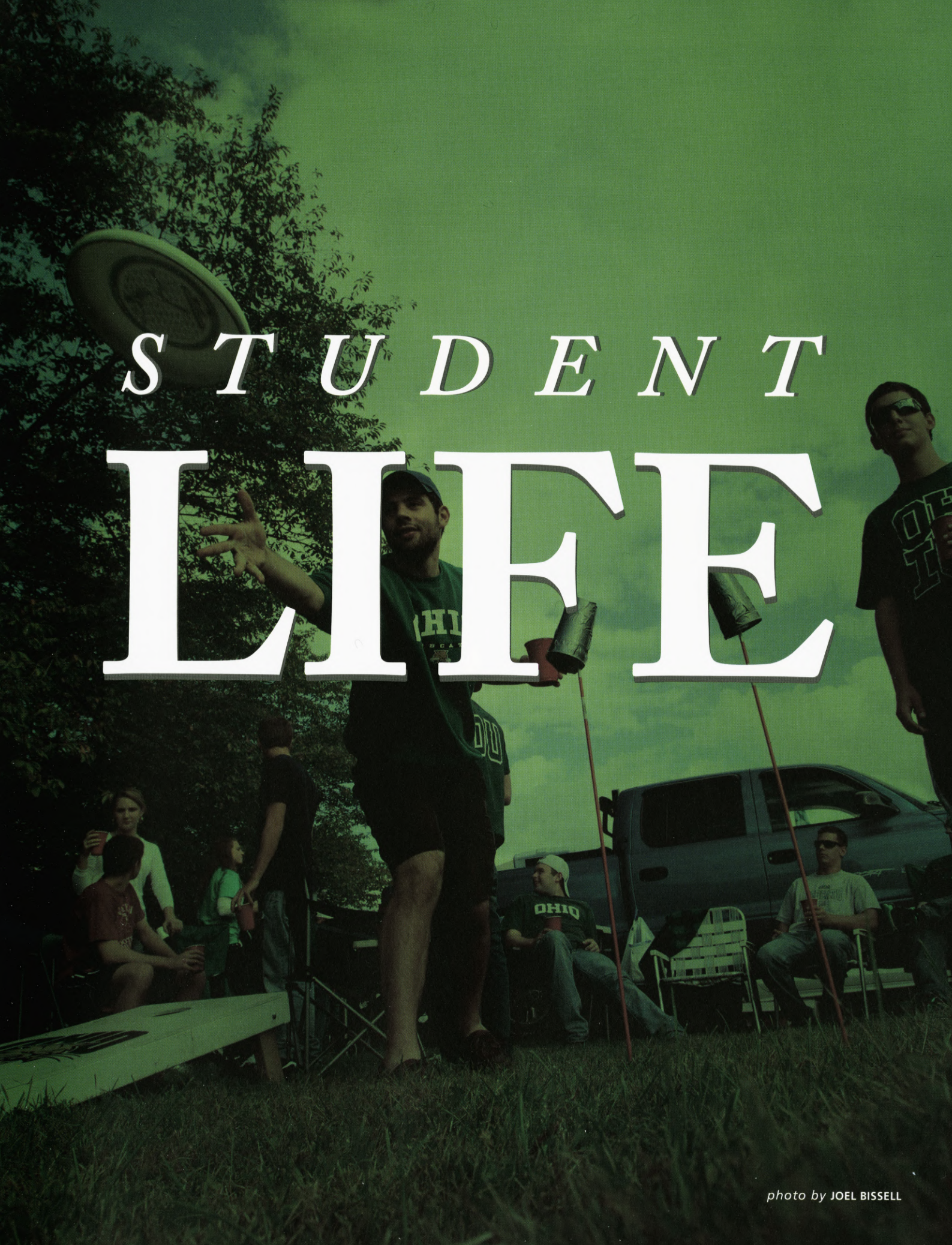








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STUDENT
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story by **AUSTEN VERRILLI**

TUITION INCREASES

Ohio University Trustees approved a 3.5 percent increase in tuition and general fees for students on the Athens campus according to an Ohio University press release and many students are far from pleased that the university will enact the tuition hike.

Students marched through College Green and filled Baker Center's escalators on April 18 as they protested the university's tuition increase. The group eventually stopped in front of Baker Center to make one final stand.

Ohio University officials defend the tuition increase in the press release stating "When inflationary increases in health care and utilities and a proposed 2.5 percent raise pool for faculty and staff are added to the academic quality and access investments, there is still an approximate $4.7 million gap between available funds and funding priorities."



TAKE BACK THE NIGHT



photo by **JOEL BISSELL**
story by **AUSTEN VERRILLI**

APRIL 17, 2012

Take Back the Night is an annual national event to raise awareness about sexual assault and violence. According to the event's Facebook page "hundreds of women march to 'reclaim the night' from the fear that causes women to walk in groups, or not at all after hours, for safety. It serves as a powerful message to the community that the men and women of this university and community do not condone sexual assault or violence on our campus."

Take Back the Night empowers people of the lesbian gay bisexual transgender (LGBT) community as well.

In Athens Take Back the Night week includes a march down Court Street, a name burning ceremony for sexual assault survivors and supporters (pictured above) as well as other workshops and educational events aimed to help prevent sexual assault.





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FEBRUARY 25, 2012

THE 2012 KOREAN CULTURE NIGHT (pictured above left) held in Walter Rotunda offered anyone attending an intimate experience. The event was packed with singing, a traditional percussion and a demonstration of Tae Kwon Do, a martial art visually similar to the Japanese martial art Karate. Throughout the night the audience got the opportunity to win prizes for answering questions about Korean national facts.



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APRIL 15, 2012

THE TENTH ANNUAL SAKURA MATSURI (pictured above right), or Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival, celebrates the coming of new changes and the arrival of spring. This event has grown from a few dedicated members making onigiri, rice balls, to eat under Ohio University's iconic cherry blossom trees beside the Hocking River, to an event that brings performers from beyond the borders of the state of Ohio. Among this year's performers were taiko drummers of Bethany College in West Virginia and shamisen players from Columbus. The majority of Ohio University student volunteers and performers come from the Japanese Student Association who hosts the event, but various other clubs based in Japanese culture also contribute to the show such as the Judo, Kendo and Nihon Buyo, traditional Japanese dance, clubs.

HOLI

photos / story by **ELIZABETH LINARES**

MARCH 31 - APRIL 1, 2012



While the Indian Student Association has been hosting cultural activities to coincide with the celebration of Holi for some years, this was the first year Ohio University students have been able to fully participate in traditional festivities.

The Athens' version of "playing Holi' with colors used baking flour dyed with food coloring instead of the heavier and longer lasting pigments typically used in Holi festivals abroad. Despite this substitution of materials, the meaning of the colors— being a means to erase differences is perhaps more profound in a cultural crossroads such as Ohio University.

The second day of this year's celebration featured brightly colored performances from faculty and students followed by a dinner of traditional indian food including chicken curry and nan, a type of flat bread. The night was finished off with performers and audience members joining each other on the dance floor.











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FEBRUARY 24, 2012

THE INDONESIAN CULTURAL NIGHT and dinner unfolded like a traditional shadow puppet story showcasing figures from the different island cultures that make up what non-natives characterize as "Indonesian." The story of the night followed a modern Ohio University student as she visited a friend in Indonesia and their adventures trying to experience as many different forms of indigenous culture as possible. Through following these two travelers the audience was able to listen to traditional stories and see a variety of songs and dances performed. The night ended with a meal of different dishes found throughout Indonesia provided by PERMIAS, the Athens Indonesian Student Association.



photos / story by **ELIZABETH LINARES**

FEBRUARY 25, 2012

THE CHINESE NEW YEAR was celebrated by people from all walks of life. This year members from Ohio University faculty all the way down to elementary school Chinese language and culture students worked together to produce a performance that combined tradition and modern elements. This year is the year of the dragon, which occurs once every twelve years and is seen as the most auspicious of Chinese zodiac animal years.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

photos / text provided by each student organization

Tempo Tantrums

Tempo Tantrums is an Ohio University women's acapella group and reigning group champions of "Ohio University's Got Talent."

This all-female acapella ensemble is based in Athens, Ohio and is in its fifth year of performing.

The T.T. mission is to bring together fresh, diverse, and musically talented young women while creating a fun and cohesive rehearsal environment to prepare and share original a cappella arrangements of pop culture music.





OU Jitterbug Club

Ohio University Jitterbug Club is full of the coolest cats around. Over the course of the year we offer lessons in East Coast Swing, Lindy Hop, Charleston, and Balboa.

Our club also hosts three dances, one in the fall, winter, and spring. The dances are open to the whole university. Our dances provide a swell place for swing dancers to flock from all over Ohio and surrounding states. We also travel to Columbus, Dayton and anywhere with music to swing to.

We like to dance for the community in lively locations such as Casa Nueva, Abrio's, Jackie O's and local nursing homes. We welcome anybody to swing by and check us out!

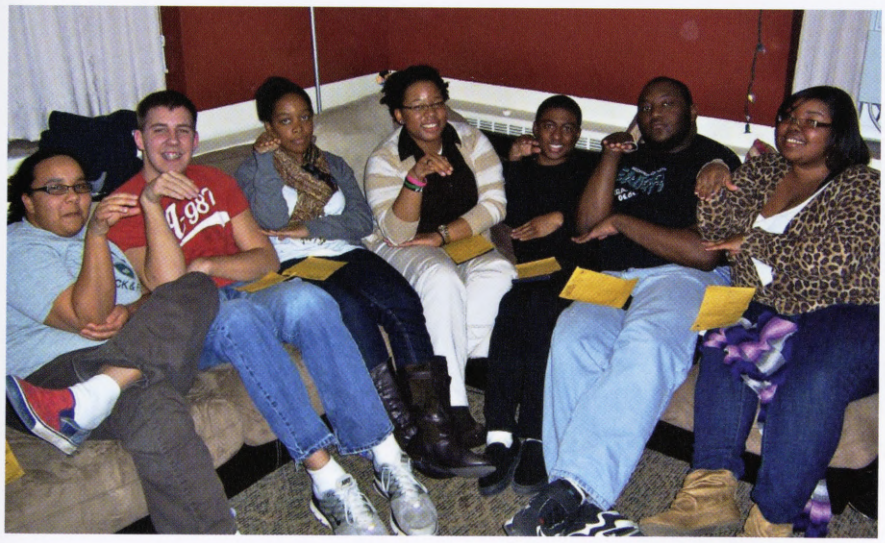
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Eco Reps

Eco Reps is a student organization that aims to promote sustainability on campus. Their goal is to educate students about how to be live an eco-friendly lifestyle and get them interested and involved in sustainable practices. They offer aid to OU's Office of Sustainability by putting on dorm programs for resident assistants, helping out with Reschallenge and Recyclemania, participating in Earth Month festivals and events, and so on.

Their specialty is eco-friendly crafts, such as T-shirt totes, bottle cap magnets, and edible compost, which aim to encourage students to be creative and "go green."





SHADES

SHADES is dedicated to fostering connections between the racially/ethnically multicultural Same-Gender Loving (SGL), Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) students of Ohio University.

The group's focus is to attract and engage people of color who are at various stages of understanding the coming out process, questioning or accepting their sexuality and understanding the SGL/LGBT community. SHADES members put their faces out to the public and organize intellectually stimulating programs like the National Day of Silence. SHADES members also reach out to other multicultural student organizations, and have become an advocating force for raising awareness of issues most relevant to them like homophobia in the black community and racism in the LGBT community.

Alpha Phi Omega

Alpha Phi Omega is a national service fraternity that focuses on service to the nation, community, campus and fraternity. We abide by our three main principles of leadership, friendship and service. Our 200 members do 12 hours of service a quarter including Relay for Life, 5k runs, a week dedicated to service and a plethora of community service projects such as working with ATCO, Monday Lunch, and Good Earth Farm.





NSSLHA

The National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) is an organization for students interested in earning a degree in communication science disorders. Together we explore various types of communication disorders and learn about prospective career opportunities. Check us out and expand your knowledge about the field! Even if you are undecided you can join NSSLHA and experience an exciting and eventful time!

PRSSA

The Hugh M. Culbertson Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) chapter is a pre-professional organization for students in the communications field. Each week, the chapter hosts visiting professionals with diverse backgrounds in communications. The chapter produces a quarterly newsletter, hosts and attends professional and social events, runs a mentor/mentee program and provides members with internship, job and other opportunities.

This year, PRSSA hosted the first ever #OhioU Social Media Summit, which featured nine visiting professionals and was attended by more than 80 students. The chapter also won the national Teahan award for "Outstanding Chapter Newsletter." In addition, 46 members traveled to Chicago on March 2 to visit eight communications firms and attend a networking dinner.





Pregnancy Resource Center

The Pregnancy Resource Center on Campus seeks to empower individuals to make informed choices concerning abortion, sexual health, pregnancy and relationships. We are committed to providing both women and men with accurate, up-to-date information. We are affiliated with Athens Pregnancy Resource center on Court Street.

The PRC on Court Street provides free pregnancy tests, parenting education, sessions on fertility awareness, post-abortive support, and material resources such as maternity clothes, diapers and infant clothing. All services are free of charge. The PRC respects your right to privacy, thus all communication is kept confidential.

SSWA

The Ohio University Student Social Work Association, otherwise known as SSWA, is a group for Ohio University students interested in helping others and is open to students of all majors.

We commit ourselves to at least one event per quarter. We are not only dedicated to positively representing the profession of Social Work, but also Ohio University, and the Athens community. We strive to host events that are fun and positive, and make a change in the lives of others on campus, locally, and even globally.



OU Call Practice and Research

The purpose of OU CALL Practice and Research Organization (OUCPR) is to promote the use of technology in language learning and teaching. Throughout the year, we provide workshops for those who are interested in pursuing computer assisted language learning (CALL), and we are actively engaged in CALL related research.







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Honey Bee (Apis mellifera)

While Morton Hill regulars may swear the bees swarm to attack, honey bees are not normally aggressive and only resort to stinging when they are provoked or protecting the hive. In fact, bees are also intelligent enough to learn and remember things as well as to make complex calculations concerning distance travelled and foraging efficiency with only an oval brain the size of a sesame seed. To communicate with each other, honey bees "dance."



"I enjoy it. It keeps me busy, it keeps me in shape...I think it's a great program."

TRAVIS TINKER, freshman MS1 Army ROTC member majoring in outdoor recreation





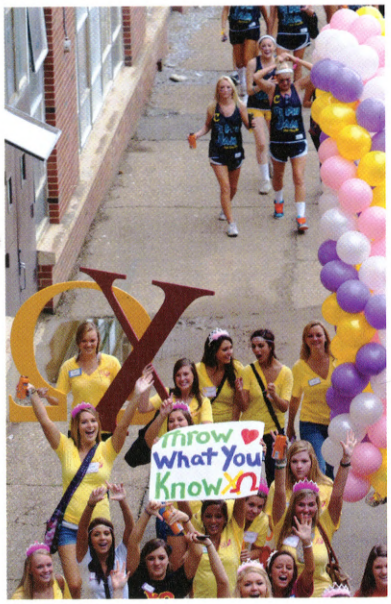




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LEFT *Ohio University ROTC conducts a rappel drill down the wall of Lindley Hall on Oct. 7, 2012. "Today, the (Army ROTC) department provides a robust training program that is considered one of the best in the nation. The Bobcat Battalion continues to improve and create an environment that consistently produces outstanding commissioned officers."*
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FALL RUSH WEEK

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HUMANS VS. ZOMBIES



photo by **ELIZABETH LINARES**
story by **AUSTEN VERRILLI**

The players of the Humans vs. Zombies competition can be seen throughout the year at Ohio University toting foam dart guns of all specifications around the greens. "All the people we have playing are super awesome," said Nat Samonetti, HVZ administrator and Ohio University junior.

"It's a game that appeals to a lot of demographics," added Ben Weibel, a HVZ administrator and Ohio University graduate student.

Both administrators said that people of all ages from the Athens community and Ohio University alike partake in the game. Ohio University Dean of Students Ryan Lombardi even played a round of HVZ with students in the fall.

The goal of each weeklong game is simple. Zombies, with bandannas attached to their heads, want to convert human enemies, with bandanas on their arms, to fellow flesh savoring beasts. Humans must survive waves and stray attackers for a week. No biting is actually allowed, zombies tag humans to convert them.

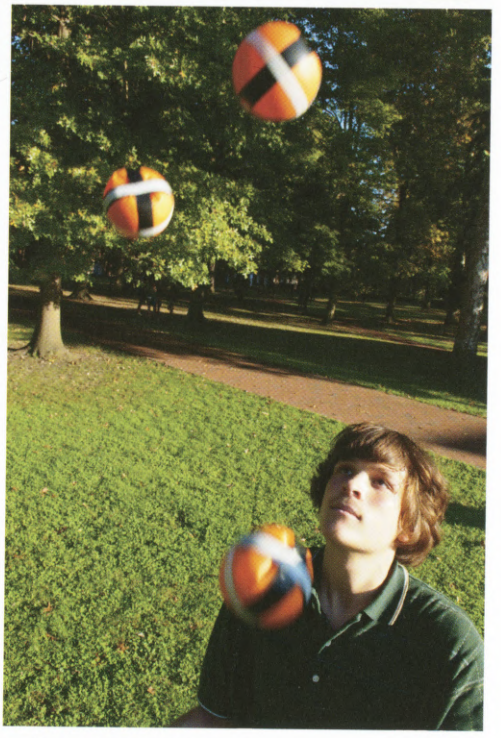
To join the fun, go to www.hvzathens.com to find out about upcoming games and other information.



photo by **ELIZABETH LINARES**
Above, over 800 Ohio University came out to cleain up Athens on Athens Beautification Day on April 28, 2012.



Student Life, photo by **JESSE ETSLER**



College Green Juggler
photo by **ELIZABETH LINARES**

STUDENTS STRIP FOR CAUSES

Bare on the bricks



photo by **JOEL BISSELL**
story by **MEGAN PEIFFER**

On February 11th, nearly 700 students ventured out in the below freezing weather and stripped down to nearly nothing for a cause.

Ohio's 3rd annual Bare on the Bricks, pictured above, and the 5th annual Polar Plunge, pictured right, brought these students out on one of the coldest days of winter to show their support for the Athens community and Special Olympics.

Bare on the Bricks is an event put on by the Student Alumni Board and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Students wear layers of clothes and, beginning at College Gate, strip down to run a "nearly naked mile" to the end of Court Street. The clothes that were left at the gate were donated to local charities and shelters. This year, Bare on the bricks raised around $2,000 and over 1,000 pounds of clothes.

The 5th annual Polar Plunge took place at Lake Snowden in Albany, Ohio. Over 200 students raised a minimum of $50 and jumped in an icy lake to benefit Special Olympics. This was the coldest Polar Plunge yet but it did not stop students from "freezin' for a reason" and raising $26,000. Polar Plunge is sponsored by Phi Kappa Theta fraternity and the OU police department.

Afterwards, participants in both events were invited to enjoy free food and fun on Court Street; Polar Plunge participants ate at Buffalo Wild Wings and Bare on the Bricks ate at Courtside Pizza. Despite the cold, many students have participated in these events multiple years now and many others said they wish to again in 2013.

Polar Plunge

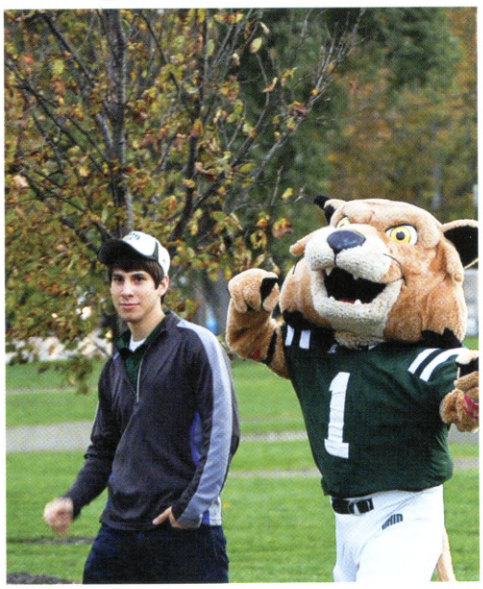


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Members of Ohio's ROTC plunge into Lake Snowden during the 5th annual Polar Plunge.









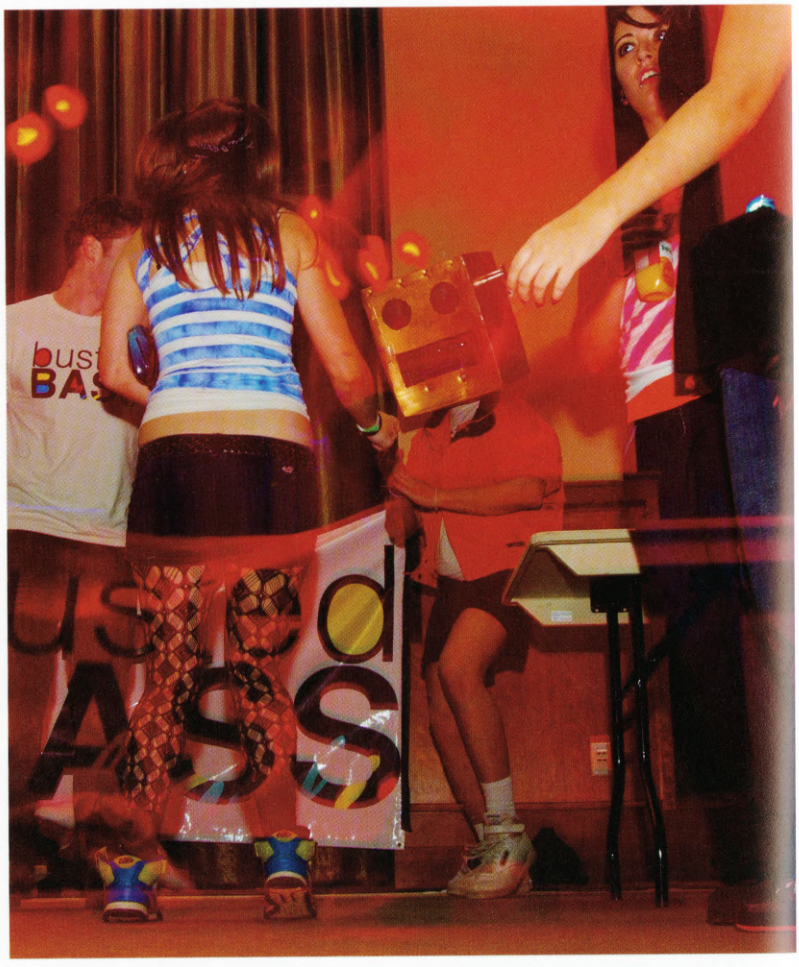
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Students play softball by the river on West Green. Photo by Elizabeth Linares

BUSTED BASS





Electronic music group bursts into Athens music scene during time at OU

photos by **JOEL BISSELL**
story by **AUSTEN VERRILLI**

The founders of bustedBASS Joe Sherwood and Arthur Henke started their electronic music duo in 2009 at Ohio University. The two DJs have quickly risen up to become a staple of the Athens electronic music scene.

"We started performing at OU house parties and fests during our sophomore year (2009-10) as well as university events because of our connections with ACRN. From there we began booking shows at uptown bars such as Jackie O's and Pigskin, and soon we had dates at every major music venue in the city," wrote Joe Sherwood of bustedBASS in an email to *The Athena.*

Music flowing from bustedBASS speakers is varied but is generally different from popular Dubstep beats that students blare from their porches on sunny days. "Our music style is something we consider wholly our own and different from most other electronic music artists. We try to combine the raw power and sing-a-long elements of Rock music with the energy of Club or House music. For this reason we label our music 'Electro-n-Roll' and 'Thunderclub.' These genres incorporate aspects of many forms of electronic music (House, Electro, Drum n Bass, Dubstep, etc.) but do not limit what we can create and involve elements of Pop, Hip-Hop and Rock music as well." Sherwood wrote.

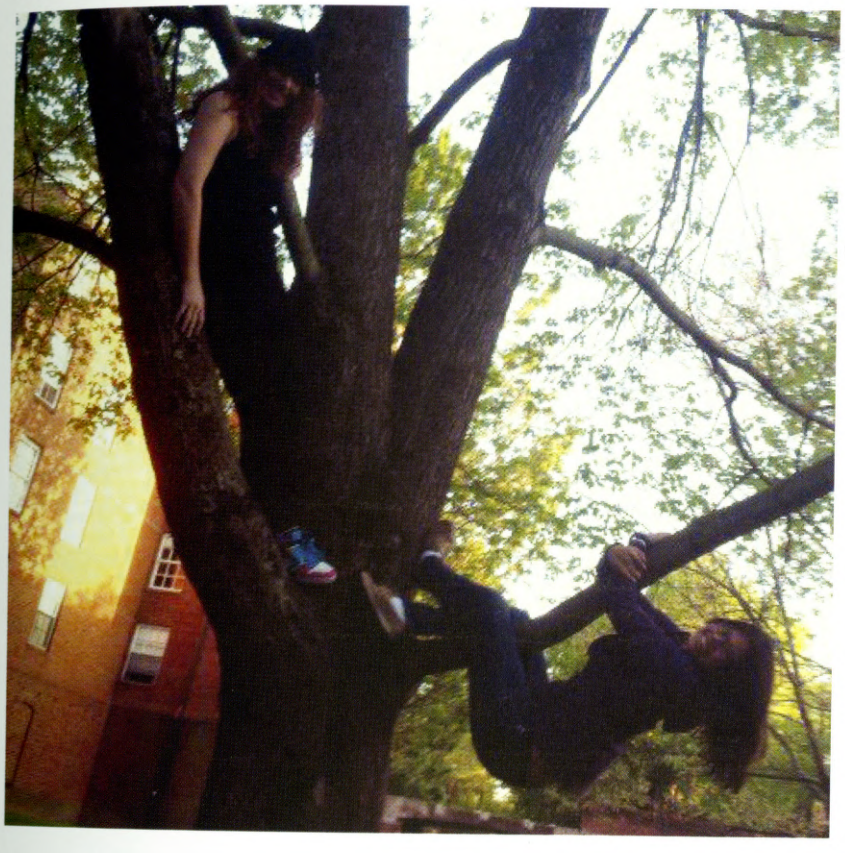
Most recently the duo played a packed Palmer Place Fest and helped incite a full on dance party in the courtyard where students typically mill around looking for free beer.

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Student Photo Contest Submission

MOST LIKES ON FACEBOOK, *by Angela Martin*



STAFF PICK, *by Russell Morrow*



RUNNER-UP #1, *by Russell Morrow*



This year *The Athena Yearbook* staff arranged a student photo contest. Our goal was to better represent OU through the eyes and camera lenses of students. We want you to remembrt It's yOUr yearbook. Here are the winners of the staff pick and most Facebook likes as well as the runner ups. Look out for an announcement about a photo contest for next year's book!

RUNNER-UP #2, *by Bea Spadaro*





photo by **ALISSA PERK**

Students relax on South Green enjoying hookah and the last summer rays of fall quarter.







photo by **JESSE ETSLER**

As energetic and spirited as ever, the Marching 110 proved yet again to be the biggest Bobcat fans as they heckled Buffalo.



The Marching 110, photo by **JESSE ETSLER**



Student Spirit, photo by **JESSE ETSLER**



photo by **JESSE ETSLER**

Gary Galbarath sits down at the piano in the lobby of Read Hall on Ohio University's campus and commences to serenade Seaira Daniels. Daniels chimed in with vocals for a few different songs before they hurriedly ran out when they realized the time.




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Manasseh Cutler, Rufus Putnam, Winthrop Sargeant and Benjamin Tupper of the Ohio Company conceived Ohio University, which was encouraged by the Ordinance of 1787 and the Northwest Territorial Legislature in 1799, incorporated as the American Western University in 1802, and chartered by the Ohio State Legislature on February 18, 1804. The university is the first institution of higher learning in the Northwest Territory, second west of the Allegheny Mountains, and the first in the United States to be endowed with land by the government with proceeds used to pay for its operations- revenue from two townships was set aside to support the university. Opened on Oct. 3, 1808, as an academy with three students Ohio University awarded its first undergraduate degrees in 1815.
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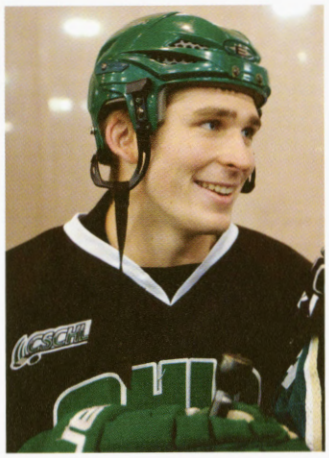




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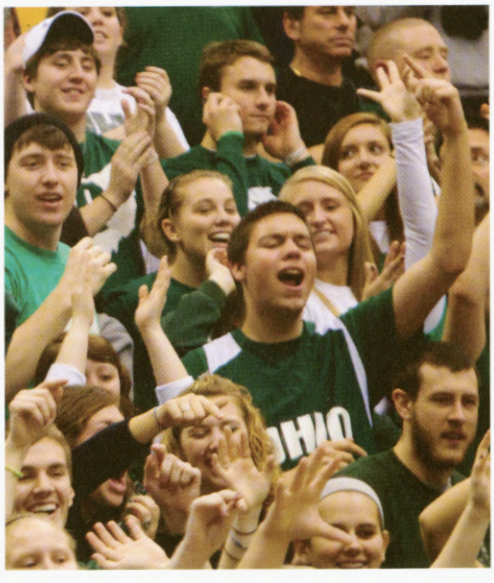


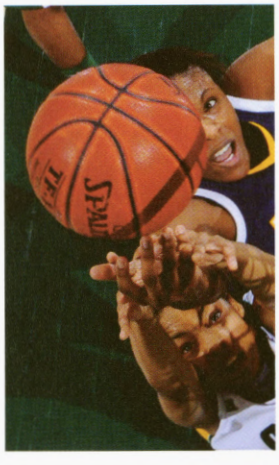














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STUDENT ATHLETICS

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Division 1 Hockey Team, photo by **JOEL BISSELL**

story by Megan Peiffer

The Ohio Men's Club Hockey Team was ranked 5th by the American Collegiate Hockey Association (AHCA) and competed in the quarterfinals of the Men's Division I National Championship Tournament this year. They achieved a final record of 24-17-1. In addition to team success, several members gained individual awards for their performances. Senior Michael Shultz, junior Tyler Pilmore and senior Zack Barbis were named ACHA All-Americans. Shultz was also named the 2011-2012 CSCHL Most Valuable Player. Junior Nick Rostek earned the CSCHL Sportsmanship Award this year as well.

OHIO FOOTBALL CELEBRATES FIRST

photos by **JOEL HAWKSLEY**
story by **ZACH JONES**





The 2011-2012 season was full of unprecedented success for Ohio University athletics. That success was not lost on the football team, which opened up the season with 44-24 win at New Mexico State. The victory propelled the Bobcats into a three game win streak to begin the year.

The team was not able to keep the streak alive when they traveled to New Jersey to take on the 1-1 Rutgers Scarlet Knights and they were defeated 38-26 in a tough non-conference test.

The Bobcats did get back on track the following week with a strong defensive performance holding the Kent State Golden Flashes to ten points and securing a seven point victory. The win marked the first in Mid-American Conference play of the season.

The team lost its next two MAC games against Buffalo and Ball State. It took the University of Akron to pay a visit to Peden Stadium for the Bobcats to finally get back to their winning ways. The victory was due, in large part, to the aerial attack of quarterback Tyler Tettleton who threw for 328 yards and completed 21 of his 29 passes.

The dominance over the Zips was just the beginning for OU as the Bobcats went on to rattle off four more victories in the MAC to wrap up the regular season.

The winning streak also seized bowl eligibility for OU and secured a spot in the MAC title game

BOWL WIN IN SCHOOL HISTORY



against the Huskies of Northern Illinois. But the Bobcats were not able to keep their winning ways as they wound up on the losing end of a hard fought ballgame, coming up short 20-23.

However, the MAC title game loss did not spoil the team's post season plans and the Bobcats were invited to play in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl to open up college football's post season play.

The teams clashed on the field. The end result was a nail biting one point win for the Bobcats over the Aggies by a score of 24-23 in the last seconds of the game.

The victory marked the first ever bowl win for Ohio University and capped off the 2011-2012 season with momentum the team will look to carry over to next season. Next year the Bobcats will return leading passer Tyler Tettleton. However, the 'Cats will have some major spots to fill because they will be losing leading rusher Donte Harden and Famous Idaho Potato Bowl MVP Receiver LaVon Brazill.



Sweet Success, photo by **JOEL HAWKSLEY**


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photo by **JOEL BISSELL**

The 'Most Exciting Band in the Land' cues up for another rousing halftime show. Their Fall 2011 rendition of LMFAO's 'Party Rock Anthem' went viral on YouTube, garnering more than 6.5 million views and sparking attention from numerous news television shows and ESPN.



photo by **ALEX GOODLETT**
story by **ZACH JONES**

The Ohio University women's swimming and diving team got their 2011-2012 season started by traveling to Bowling Green to take on the Falcons. The Bobcats solidly defeated the Falcons and carried their momentum northward to defeat Eastern Michigan and Buffalo the following week.

The team ran into their first challenge of the young season the following week when they traveled to Columbus to take on instate rival Ohio State. The result was a lopsided loss in favor of the Buckeyes.

The first setback, however, did not stop the Bobcats from taking their sixth straight first place finish at the Zippy Invitational in Akron. The Bobcats got strong performances from their relay teams throughout the tournament earning them the top spot. The victory propelled the team onto a six meet win streak picking up wins against West Virginia and Xavier along the way.

The regular season conclusion slated the Bobcats against the Redhawks of Miami. The result was a loss for OU but the team looked to the MAC championship meet to rectify the loss. The Bobcats represented well and several individuals turned in strong performances that earned the team second place in the conference finishing just behind Toledo.

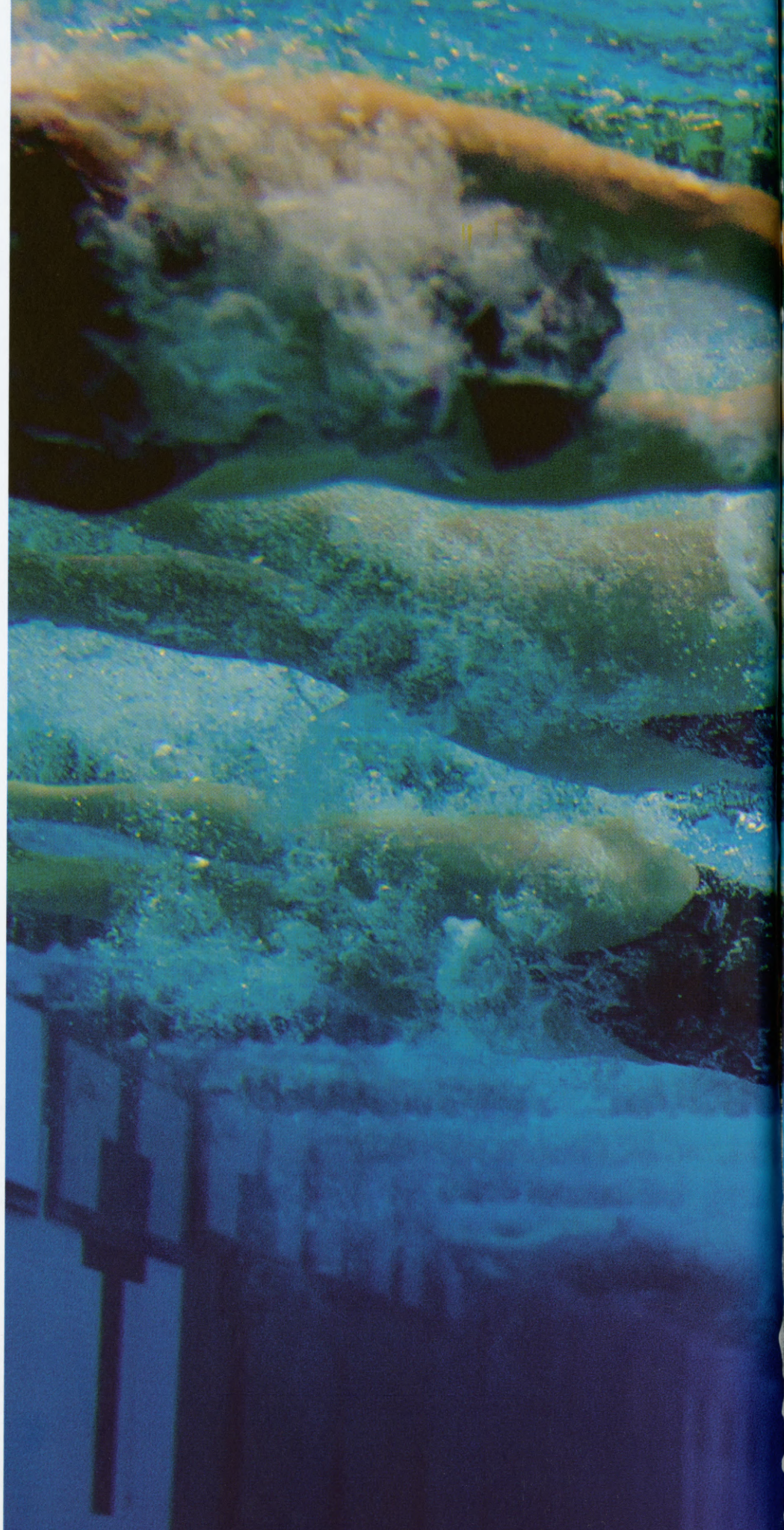
Sophomore Rachel Stearns earned gold in the 200 backstroke with her conference record setting run during the finals of the tournament.

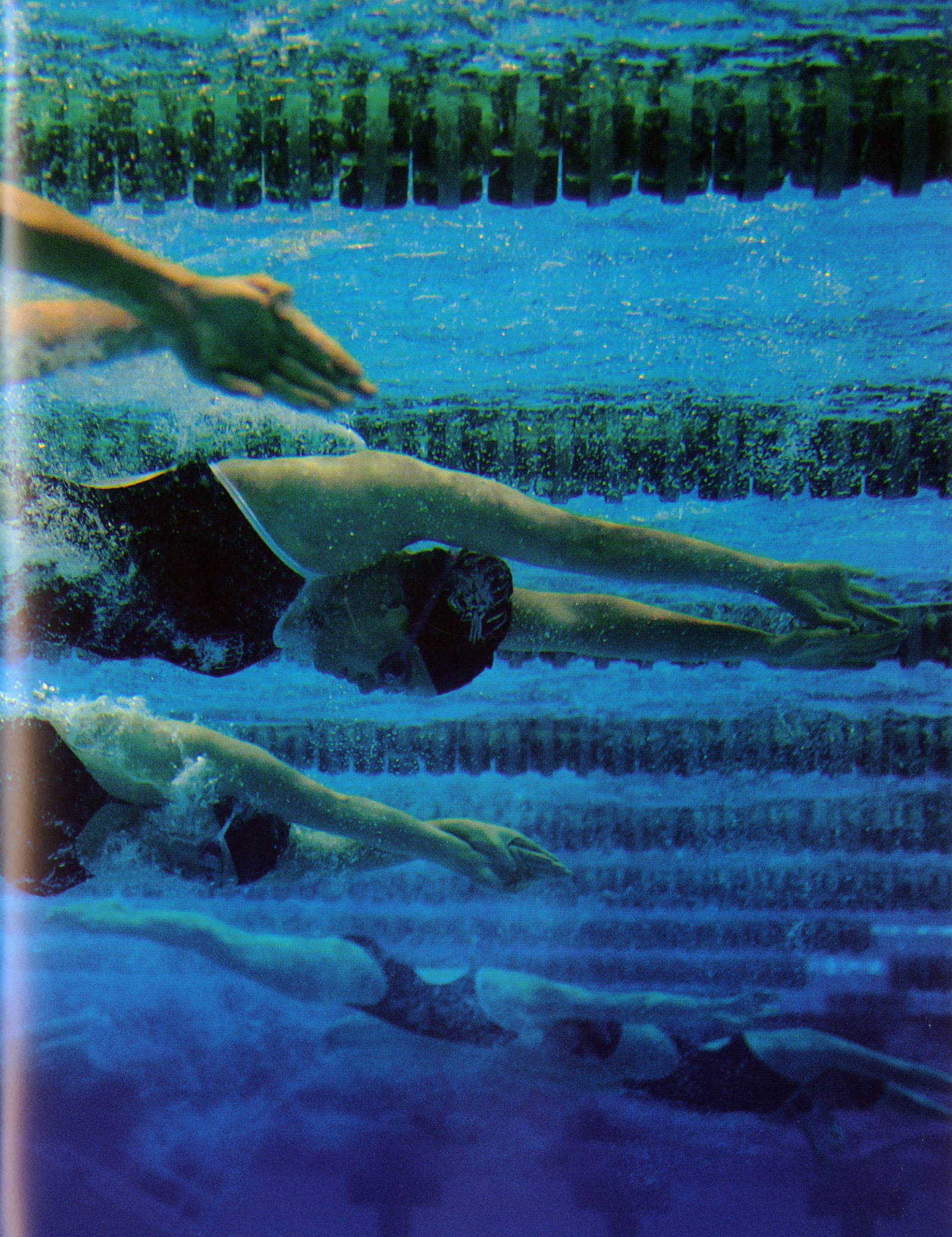
Freshman Morgan Srail earned herself a second place finish in the three meter diving event and qualified for the NCAA diving championship where she finished 18th.

Sophomore Lauren Williams captured the second place as well beating the school record in the 1650 Freestyle event. Her performance qualified her for the NCAA championship tournament where she took 23rd place.

The team's relay squad also performed well and grabbed the second place finish in the 400 freestyle event.

The outstanding showing from Sterns proved to be enough for her third individual MAC title. The success at the post season tournament was enough to name Sterns and Williams to first team all-MAC honors. While senior Amanda Cecere, freshmen Emma Michaels, and senior Sarah Owen all earned second team all MAC honors.

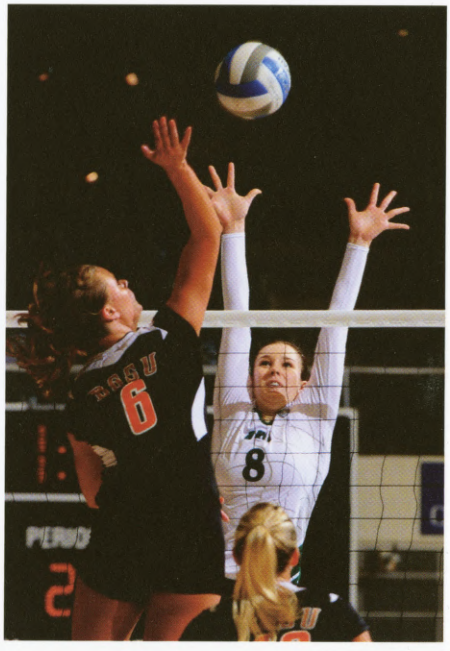






Women's Diving Team, photo by **JOEL HAWKSLEY**





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story by **ZACH JONES**

The volleyball team started the 2011-2012 season by paying a visit to Knoxville, Tenn. as one of the teams invited to play in the Comcast Lady Vols Classic tournament. The Bobcats represented the school well; going two and one for the tournament knocking off Villanova and Maryland.

The team then traveled to Lexington, Ky. to participate in the Kentucky Classic, but after a good start to the tournament defeating Virginia Tech the Bobcats dropped their next two matches losing to tournament host Kentucky and then losing to Western Kentucky.

The Bobcats' next challenge came in Athens as they hosted the newly renamed Baymont Invitational, but the friendly confines of the Convocation Center did not serve the team well as they went one and two.

However the losing streak ended there as the team went on to win their four of their next five matches before opening up the Mid-American Conference (MAC) regular season against Bowling Green. The Falcons did not slow the Bobcats as they beat Bowling Green three games to none.

This victory started a six game win streak in the MAC and enabled the Bobcats to grab a share of the MAC lead along with Ball State. The win streak ended when the Cardinals of Ball State defeated the Bobcats in Athens and took sole possession of the MAC lead.

The team continued to struggle in conference play dropping two of their next three matches. OU then traveled to Bowling Green and swept the season series with the Falcons. The win propelled them on to a six-match win streak and earned them a second seed in the post-season MAC tournament.

Pitted against the Miami RedHawks, the Bobcats won three consecutive games and started off the tournament with a one-sided victory. However their winning ways did not continue as they lost the following day to Central Michigan three games to none. The loss marked the first for the Bobcats in MAC tournament play in four years.

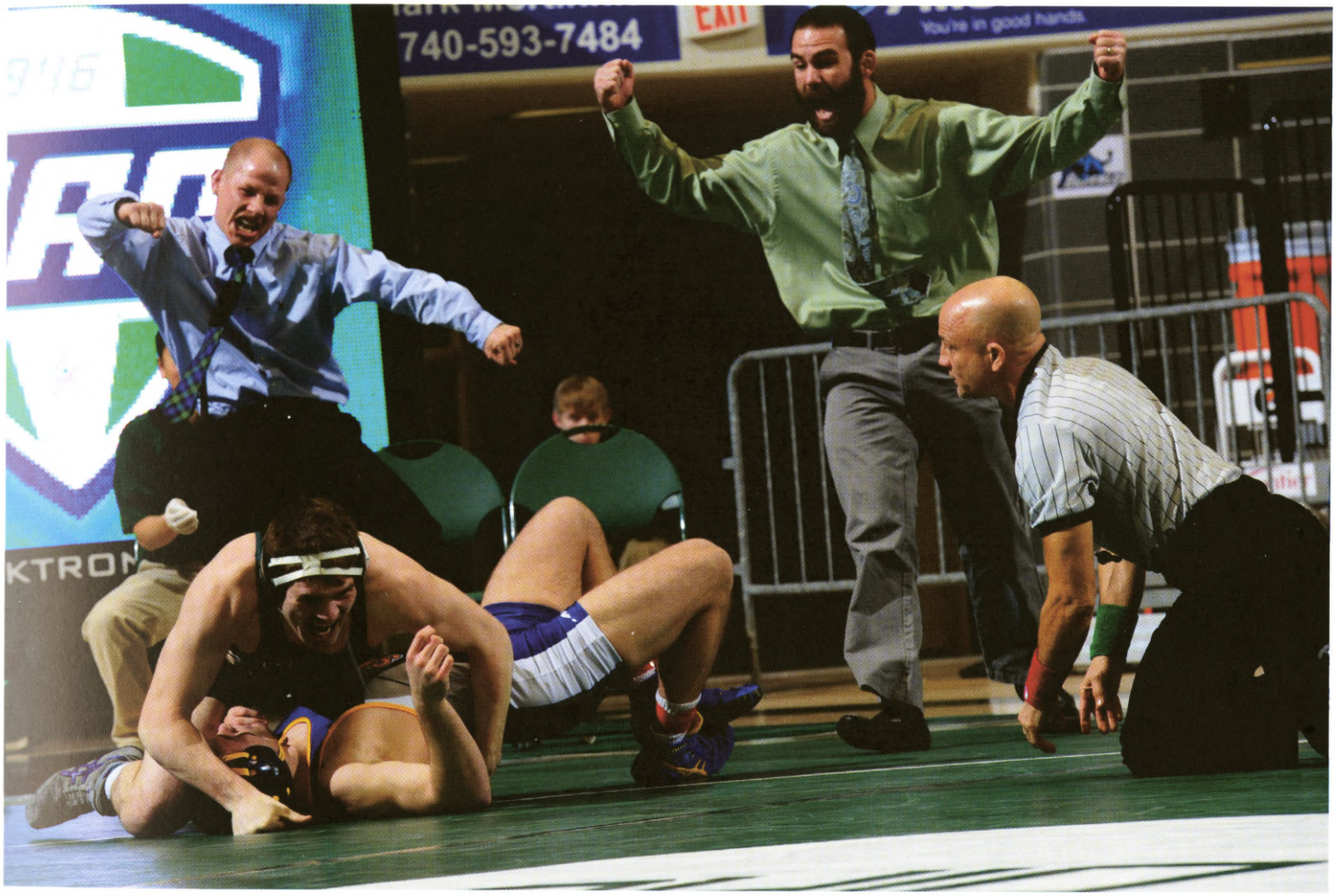
The early tournament exit did not spoil the Bobcats' final match of the season when they traveled to Cincinnati to stop the University of Cincinnati Bearcats on their home floor snapping U.C.'s 48-game home win streak.

The team will look to carry their momentum into next season, reclaim the MAC title and make a run in the NCAA tournament.

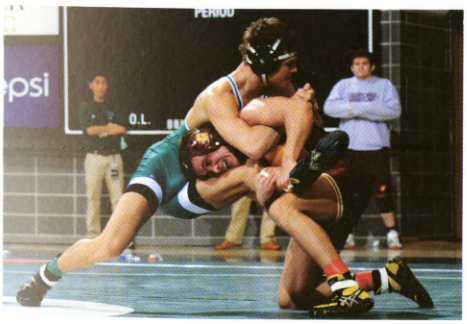




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DANCING THEIR WAY TO THE TOP



photos by **JOEL HAWKSLEY**
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The 2011-2012 Ohio Bobcats Men's basketball team will go down as the most successful team in program history with 29 wins. The season started off with a program best 12-1 record, including a win over rival Marshall University. The Bobcats only loss was by five points at Louisville.

The Ohio Bobcats defended their home turf very well during the season. The Bobcats boasted the best home record (16-1) in program history with the only home loss coming against Robert Morris University. The Bobcats were also undefeated at home in the Mid-American Conference.

The Ohio Bobcats led the Mid-American Conference in attendance for the sixth time in the last seven seasons. The Convocation Center averaged 6,177 fans per game during the 2011-2012 season. The year was also highlighted with two wins against conference rival Miami University, an 87-65 win over Kent State University, an 85-61 win over the University of Akron and a bracket-buster win over the University of North Carolina-Asheville by a score of 81-62.

The Bobcats would go on to win the Mid-American Conference Tournament by winning three games in three days, including a one point win over the University of Akron in the MAC Championship Game. With the win over Akron, the Bobcats would return to the NCAA Tournament for the second time in three years.

In the NCAA Tournament, the Bobcats beat first round opponent Michigan with a score of 65-60. The Bobcats then knocked off the University of South Florida by a score of 62-56. The Bobcats would eventually lose to number one seed North Carolina by a score of 73-65 in overtime.

The loss against North Carolina was heart-breaking, but the Bobcats had much to be proud of. Point guard DJ Cooper was named first team ALL-MAC for the second year in a row, while both guard Walter Offutt and forward Ivo Baltic were named as honorable mentions.

The Bobcats would end the season by being ranked 25th in the final ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll, marking the first time ever the Bobcats have been ranked to end the season in program history.

At season's end, Head Coach John Groce left Ohio University for the head coach position at the University of Illinois and the Bobcats named Jim Christian, formerly of Texas Christian University, as new head coach. The Bobcats return all starters and are poised for another run for the 2012-2013 season.


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Women's Cross Country, *photo by* **JOEL HAWKSLEY**



Women's Softball, *photo by* **ALEX GOODLETT**

WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY

story by **MEGAN PEIFFER**

From achieving a winning record of 19-5 to earning a MAC championship title to playing in the NCAA tournament, the Ohio University Field Hockey Team had many successes during the 2011 season.

Winning against Miami and Kent State in the MAC tournament games, the team earned the MAC championship title and continued to the NCAA tournament.

The first tournament game was against Lafayette. At the half, the score was 1-1 against the Leopards. Both teams' defense dominated throughout the second half to keep the score 1-1 until the end, forcing the game into overtime. Nine minutes in, junior Taylor Brown scored the game winning point giving the Bobcats a 2-1 victory over the Leopards and continuing into the second round of the tournament.

Following their season success the team continued to excel into the second round of the NCAA tournament where they were defeated by number one seed, North Carolina, 4-0. It was only the second time the Bobcats have made it to the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Many individual awards were given to the girls on the 2011 team including senior defender Louzeth Schutte, named All-American by WomensFieldHockey.com as well as the Mid-American Conference Player of the Year, third team.

Along with Schutte, junior Taylor Brown and sophomore Jessica Jue were named 2011 Longstreth/ National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division I All-West Region. Brown and Jue received second-team honors and Schutte received first team honors.



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Men's Cross Country Team, photo by **JOEL HAWKSLEY**





Indoor Track, photos by **JOEL HAWKSLEY**



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The women's basketball team plays against Akron. The win contributed to their a 14-18 season.







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Above, the soccer team ended with a 9-13-3 season.



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JUDO, OR THE "GENTLE WAY," originated from Japan. Judo is a form of unarmed martial art that focuses on quickly taking an opponent to the ground and subduing them through the use of grappling or holding techniques. This is one of the few clubs that draws on average an even number of Japanese and American students together.



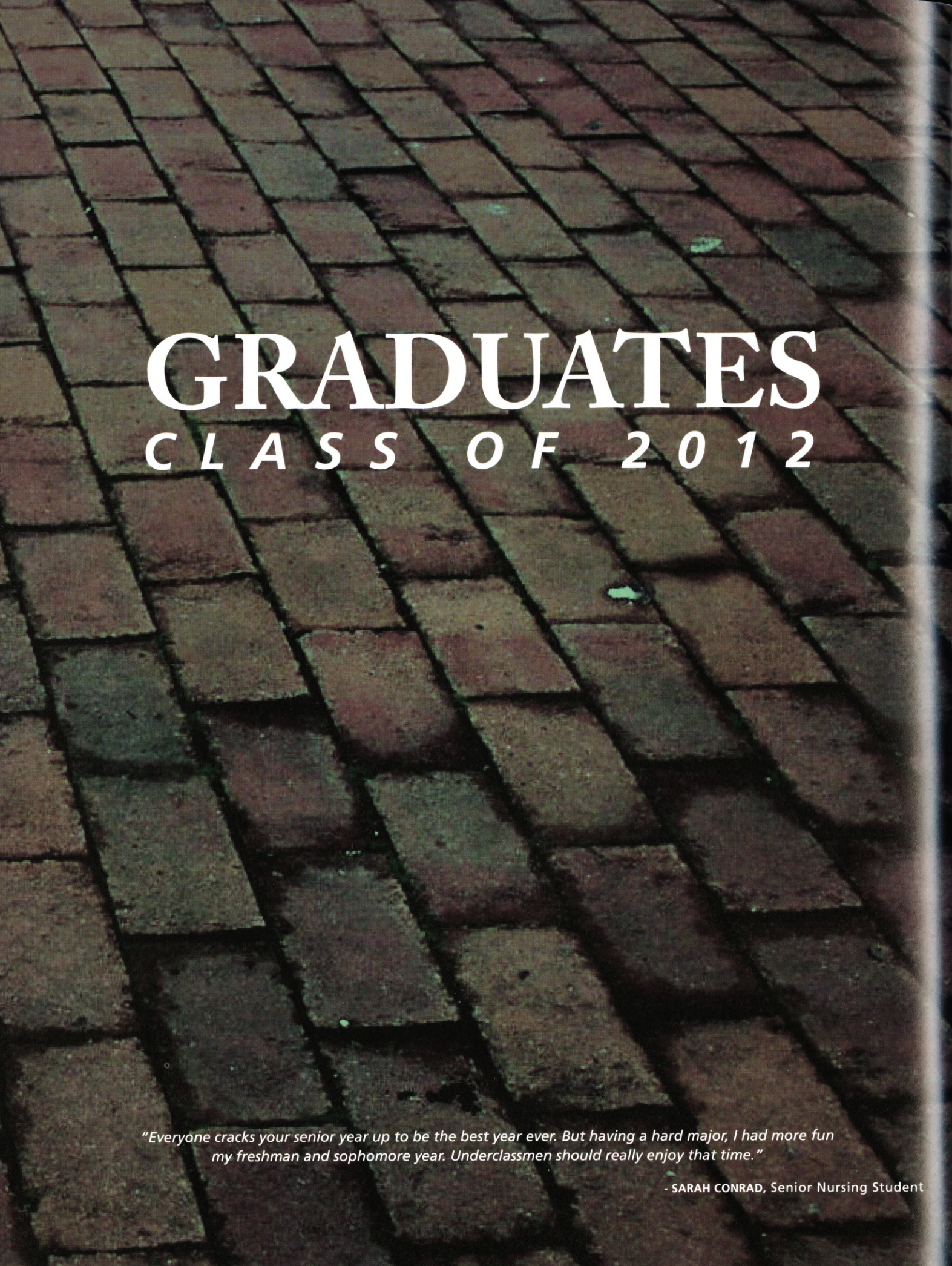
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KENDO, MEANING WAY OF THE SWORD, originated in Japan. Just as many other martial clubs sports, the Ohio University Kendo Club has relatively few members but has much dedication to their chosen sport. This year the kendo club held a community workshop at East Elementary School to help the school raise money and cultivate an awareness for the sport of kendo in the local Athens area.



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COMING FROM KOREA, TAE KWON DO is essentially the way of striking with the hand and foot and trains their students in the art of unarmed combat. While similar in dress to the Japanese combative art, karate, tae kwon do puts more emphasis on the use of kicks.



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- **SARAH CONRAD,** Senior Nursing Student



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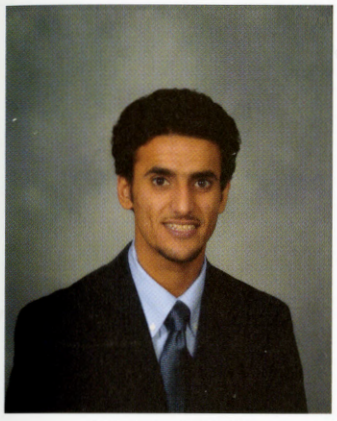
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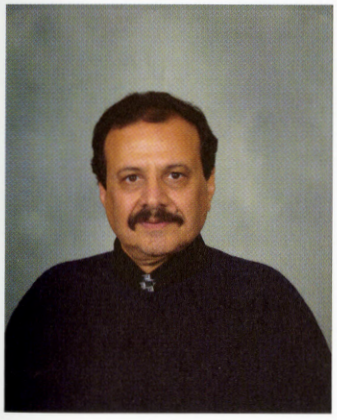
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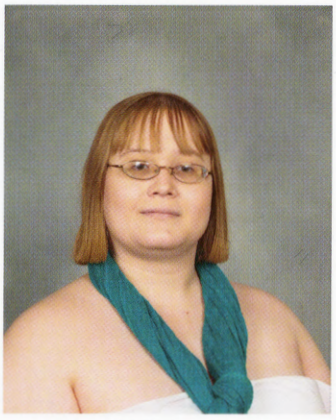
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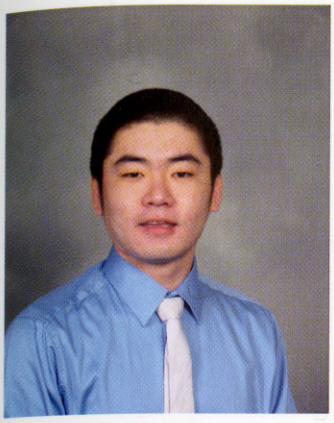
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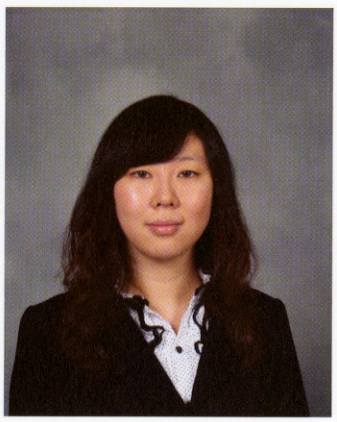
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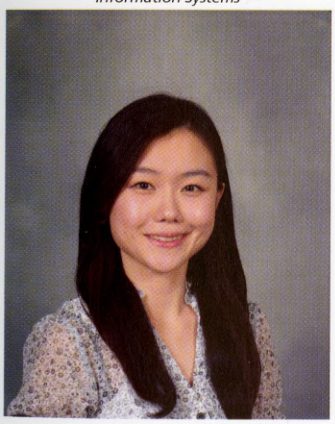
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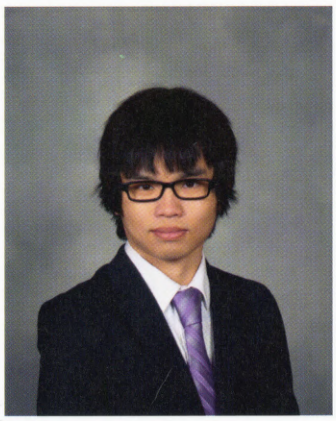
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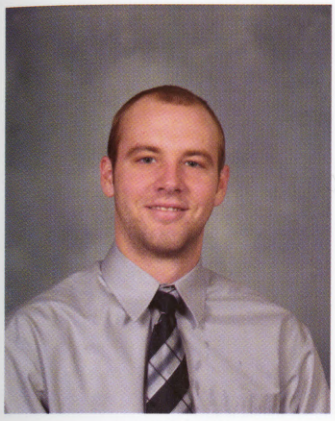
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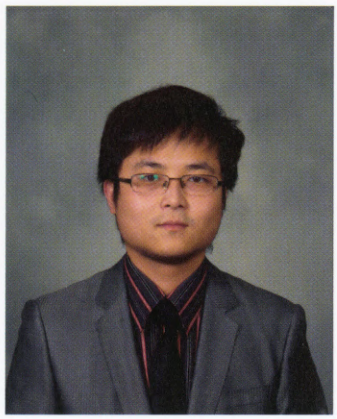
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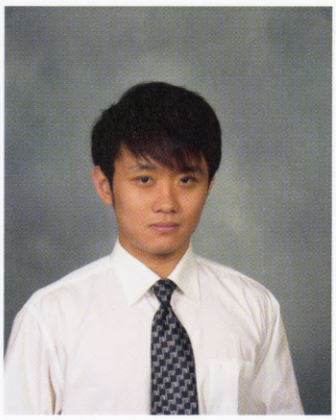
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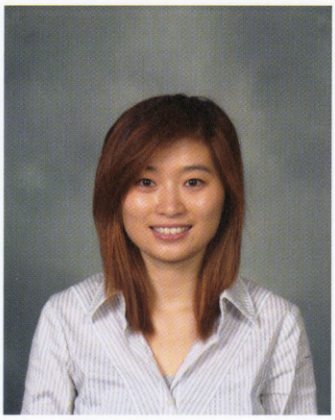
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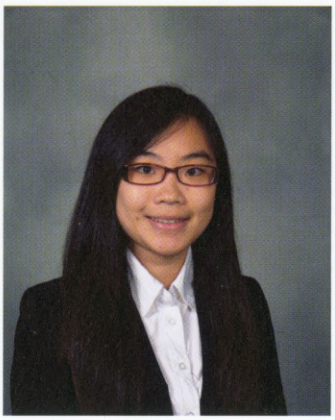
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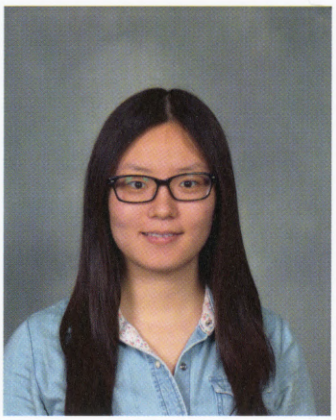
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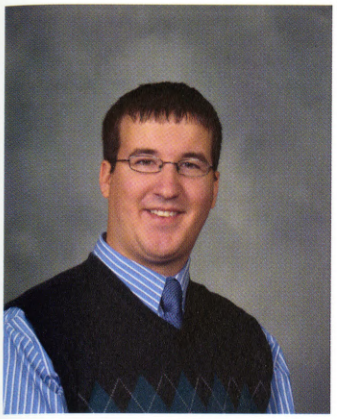
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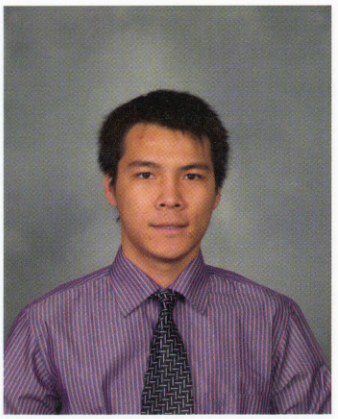
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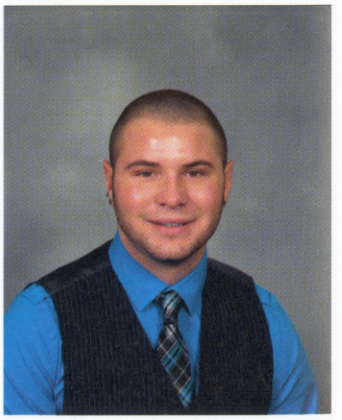
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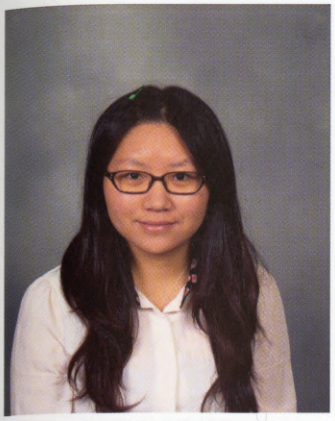
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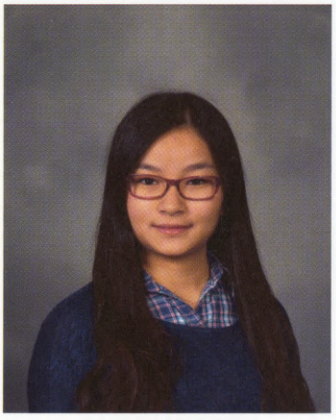
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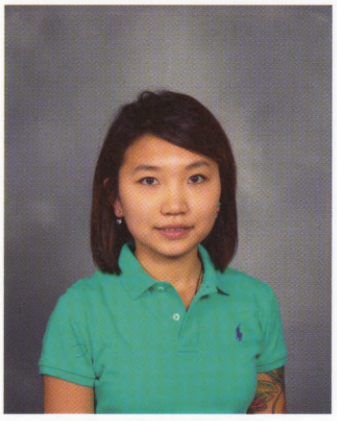
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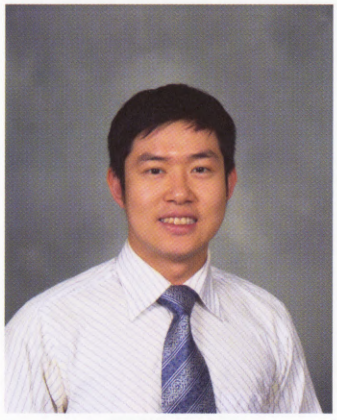
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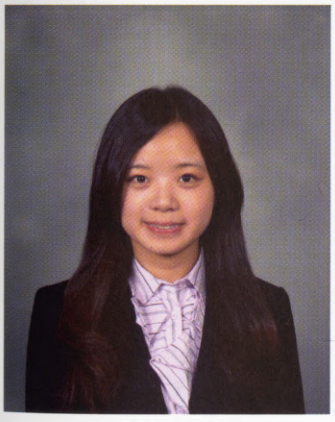
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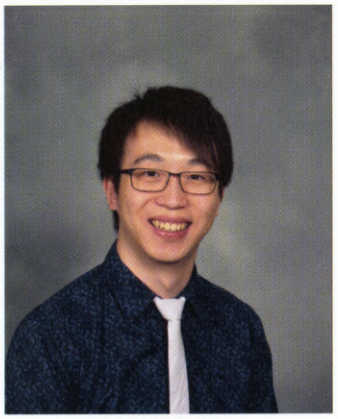
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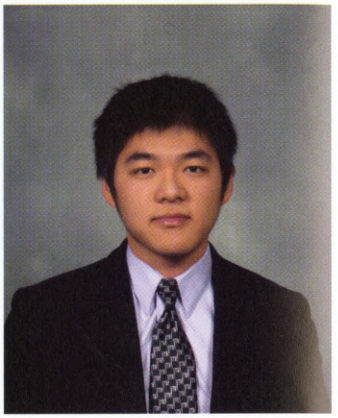
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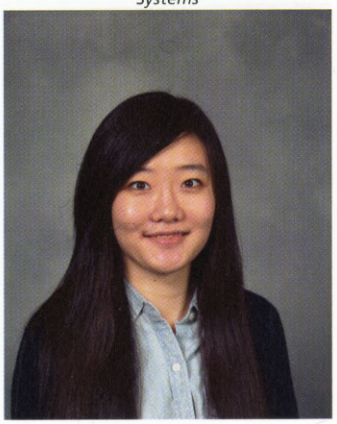
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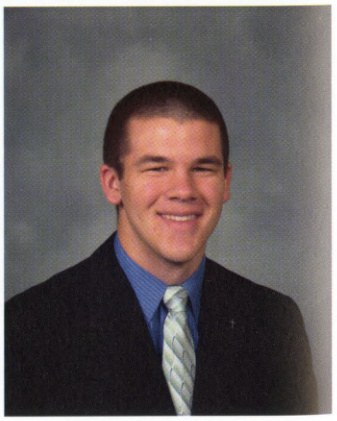
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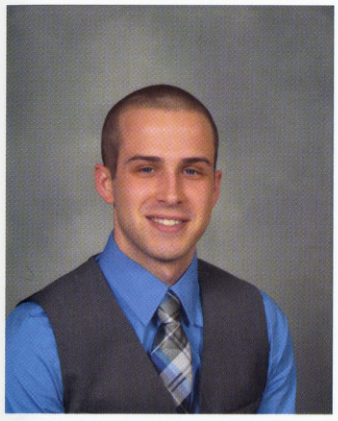
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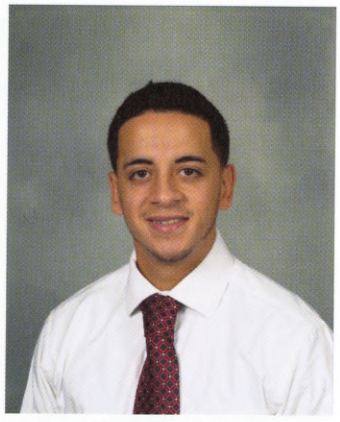
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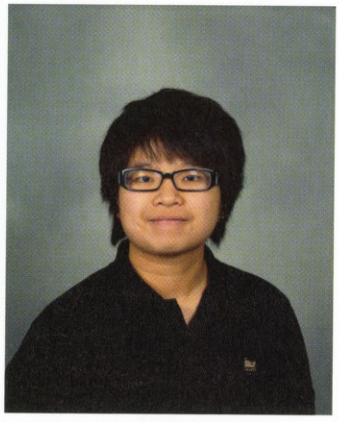
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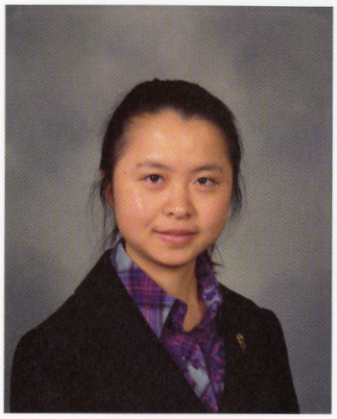
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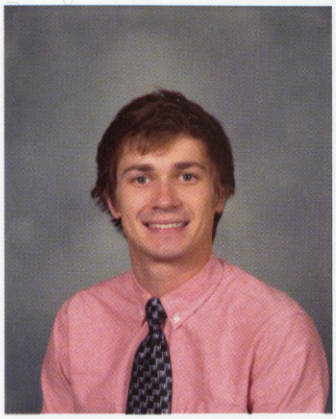
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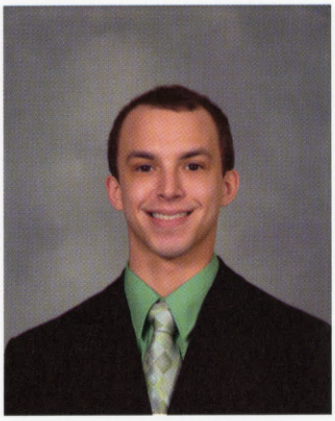
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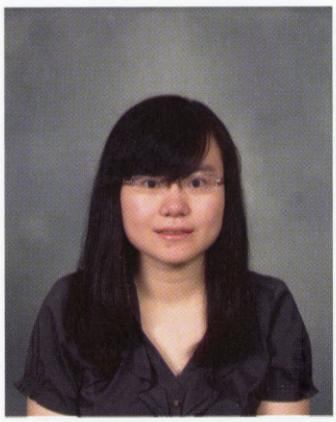
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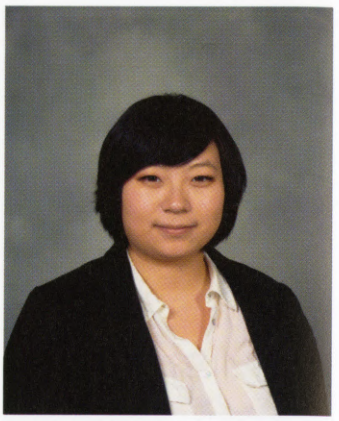
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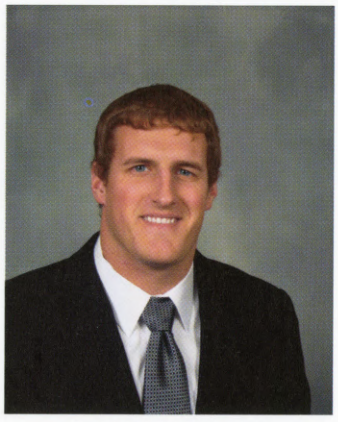
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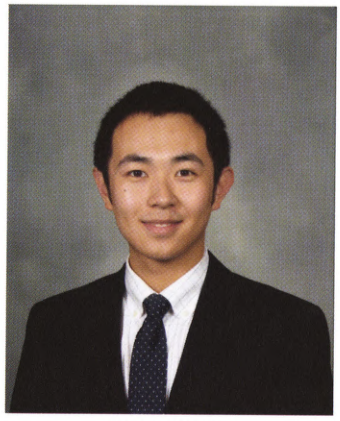
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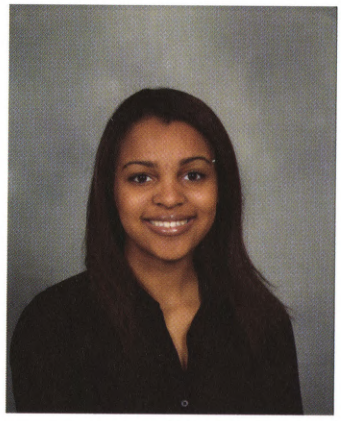
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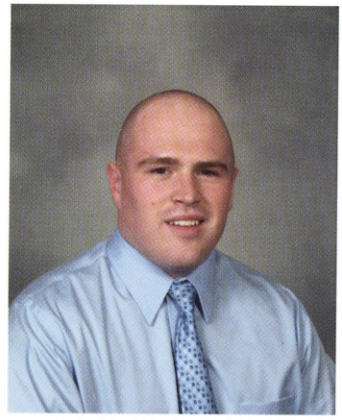
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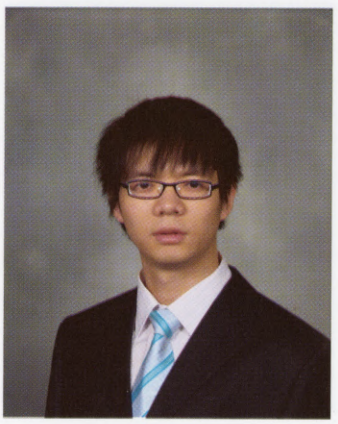
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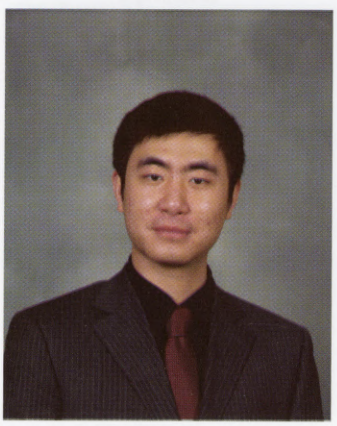
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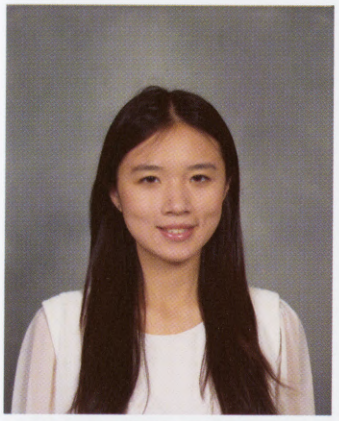
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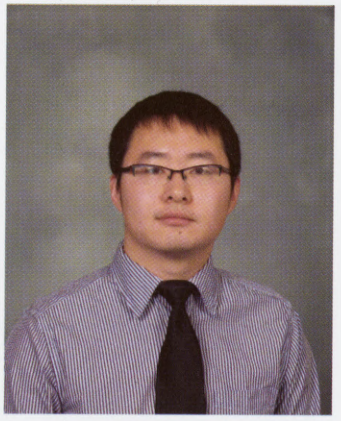
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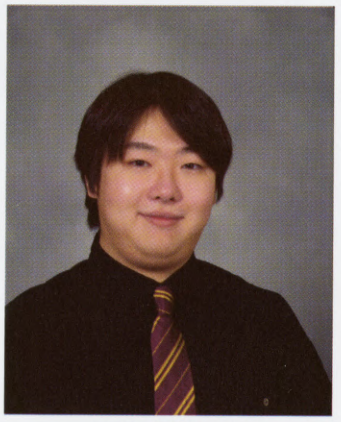
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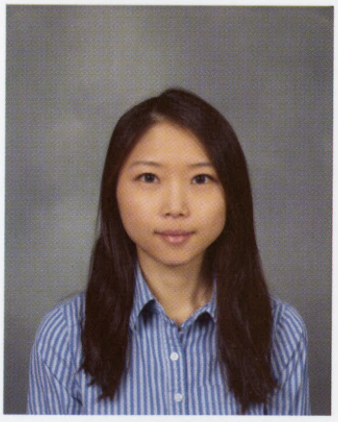
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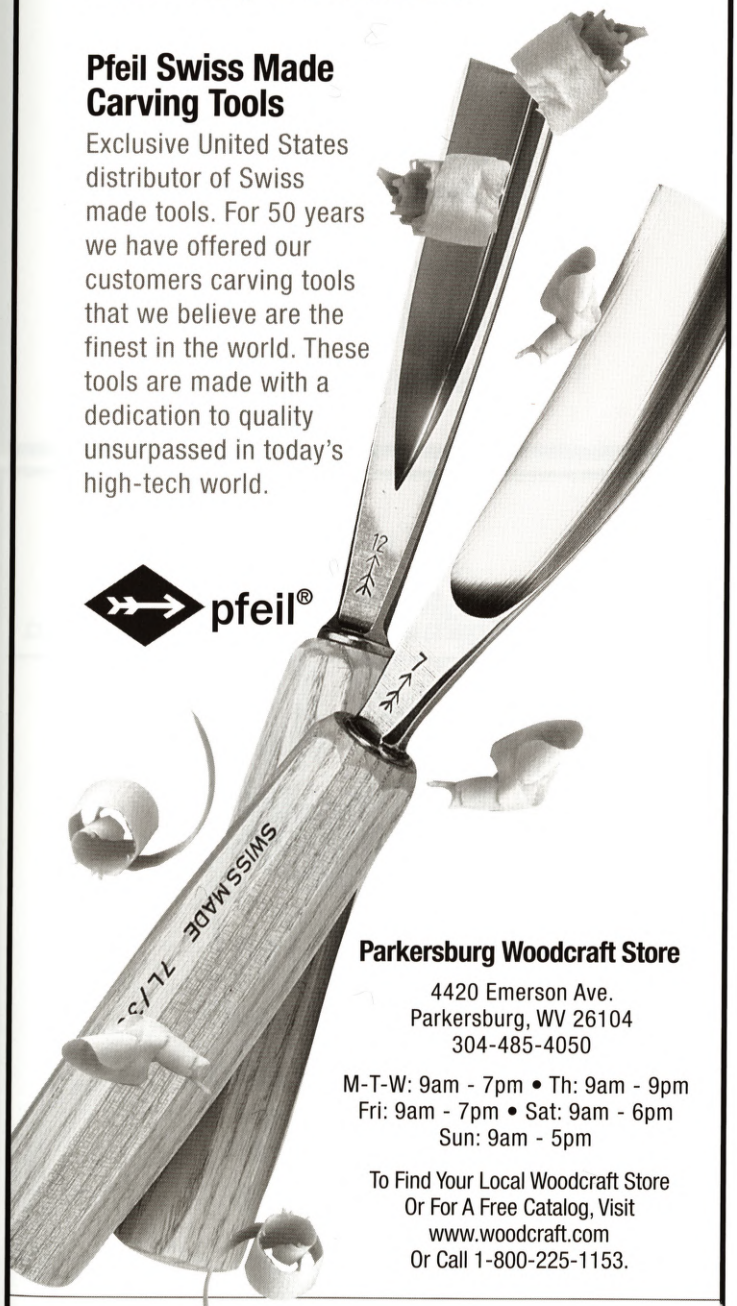
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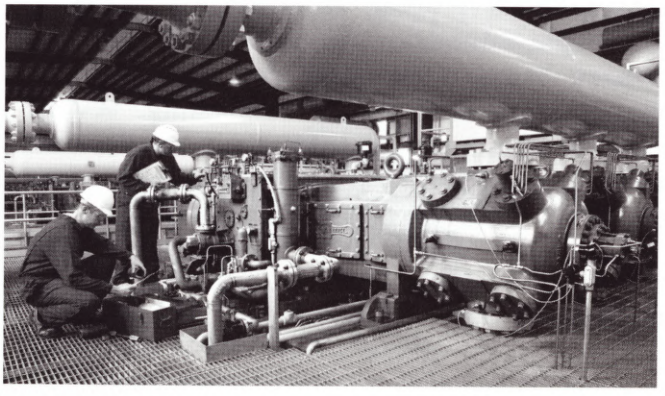
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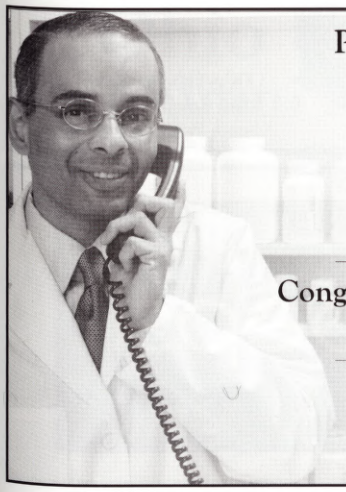
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